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## *Report of Madras Literary Society and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Society, on writing Indian Words in Roman Characters.*

"The second system of Asiatic Orthography consists in scrupulously rendering letter for letter, without any particular care to preserve the pronunciation; and, as long as this mode proceeds by unvaried rules, it seems clearly entitled to preference." Sir W. Jones.

The Sub-Committee appointed in the early part of last year to consider the best mode of representing Oriental words in Roman characters, beg to submit the following report.

Messrs. Walter Elliot.
W. H. Bayley.
M. Norman.

They must premise by stating, that shortly after their nomination, two of their number were obliged by ill health and the calls of duty, to leave the Presidency, and that they have not, in consequence, been able to discuss so fully as they desired, the various points involved in a subject calculated to elicit considerable differences of opinion. They did not consider that this circumstance absolved them from the duty entrusted to them. Although deprived of the advantage of

personal intercourse, they embodied the independent result at which they had arrived, in separate papers, to serve as the basis of more mature deliberation. Before, however, they had arrived at a unanimous conclusion, Mr. Bayley and Mr. Norman were compelled, by illness, to leave India.

The scheme now submitted must be considered, therefore, to exhibit the conclusions at which the majority of the Committee had arrived on the most salient points only, and must not be taken as a unanimous expression of matured judgment.

The want of a recognized scheme for representing oriental words of daily occurrence, has long been felt. Many attempts have been made to remedy the evil. But with how little benefit the slipslop spelling of proper names and technical terms in official correspondence, and the barbarous names which crowd the face of the best Indian maps, bear witness.*

The object which the Committee have strictly kept in view has been to lay down a scheme of orthography which should provide for the exact representation of every word occurring in the languages of India, under conditions at once easy of application and so exact, as to enable persons acquainted with the original tongue, to reproduce words written according to it, in their native characters. In other words, to submit a system of notation in which "each original " (represented) sound should be rendered invariably by one " appropriated symbol, conformably to the natural order of " articulation, and with a due regard to the primitive power " of the Roman alphabet, which modern Europe has in

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* One of the causes which delayed the preparation of the Múrshadabád Survey Registers was "the character of the Collectory lists. * * * Names are distorted out of all recognition. Thus, the Mahomedan Berahimpoor (Ibrahímpúr) will appear as the Hindoo Biharipoor, and many of our *adumulnisha* enquiries have been in search of Villages which had no existence save on the page of the writer:" *Report on Survey operations, Lower Provinces, from 1st October* 1856, *to 3rd September* 1858, *page* 63.

"general adopted."* They have further considered it necessary that such a system should not only be acceptable to the scholar, but should be adapted to general use, whether by means of typography or manuscript.

For the accomplishment of these ends, they prescribed to themselves the following fundamental rules :—

1. That a distinct Roman character should, as far as practicable, be employed to express each established oriental letter.

2. That the same character should always represent the same letter, and should never be employed without some distinguishing sign to designate a second.

3. That two or more letters should never be employed where a single character could be made to suffice.

4. That diacritical marks should only be resorted to in the last necessity, and should be of the simplest description.

5. That varieties of type, as capitals, italics, black letter, should be considered inadmissable.

6. That the scheme should be founded on the system of Sir W. Jones.

The propriety of the three first stipulations is manifest and needs no illustration. The two next were dictated by the difficulty of using such modifications in current writing, to say nothing of their unsightly and perplexing appearance. The last was adopted because the accuracy of the principles on which that system is founded, especially with regard to the vowels, has been acknowledged by the most distinguished orientalists of all countries, and still maintains its ground after the experience of three quarters of a century.

The modifications which have been proposed in Sir W. Jones' orthography since its first promulgation, and which

* Sir W. Jones.

relate chiefly to the mode of representing certain consonants, have also been carefully examined.

Among these, the most important are the alphabet adopted by the Missionaries of Upper India in numerous works already printed and published, and which has been followed by Professor Monier Williams; that employed by Shakespeare in his Hindustani Dictionary, 3rd Edition, 1834; and that prefixed by Professor Wilson to his Glossary of Indian Terms, 1856;—the last of which exhibits the first attempt to elaborate a scheme embracing all the languages of India.

At the same time they have not overlooked the modifications observed in the published works of German and French philologists, as far as they have been able to meet with them.

The Missionary alphabet of Bengal, which has only been applied to Urdu, was at once seen to be inapplicable, because it sacrifices critical accuracy to simplicity.

The letters ه and ح are both represented by *h*—ز ذ ض and ظ are all included under *z*—ث س and ص under *s*. The principle of transliteration is thus abandoned.

The plan proposed by Shakespear is free from this defect, but is also confined to the Urdu dialect in its Arabic and Dévanágari forms. It has much merit, but contains several redundancies, providing for distinctions of sound not expressed by corresponding letters, but to be acquired by practice, and therefore unnecessary in a scheme of strict transliteration. There are also some minor blemishes in his mode of dealing with *ch, ch'h, gh, kh, ksh.*

Professor Wilson's scheme is complete in its requirements, but cumbrous in the mode by which he has carried them out. Thus, five of the six characters for *n*, are represented by infra-linear diacritical marks, of which the first is an open dot, and the rest points increasing in number from one to

four. The three *zeds* and three *esses* are similarly distinguished. Such complications are perplexing in type and unsuited to cursive writing.

On a comparison of these four schemes, it is seen that the mode of designating the vowels is nearly the same in all; that Sir W. Jones adopts a system of supra-linear marks to distinguish the consonants, and that his followers, admitting the propriety of the principles laid down by him, have confined their modifications to the substitution of infra-linear signs differing only in the greater or less simplicity of their application.

If a printer is asked, whether with an ordinary fount of types, it is easier to add diacritical marks above or below the line, he will give the preference to the former and to those of the simplest description only. The use of accentual signs above the line, is of ordinary occurrence in every press. Hence the original scheme proposed by Sir W. Jones possesses this advantage, of facility of application, in an eminent degree.

The chief objection brought against it consists in the similarity of the sign employed to distinguish long vowels and certain consonants, and in the liability of such marks, when used in juxta position, to create confusion. Its minor defects consist in the absence of letters required for certain sounds in the Hindi and the Dravidian dialects, (which formed no part of his plan,) in the unnecessary re-duplication of the signs employed to express ع and غ, and in the compound marks over two of the *zeds.* In other respects, his system presents a marked advantage over all others, whether it be viewed as applicable to the resources of an ordinary printing office, or to employment in manuscript.

It may be urged, that the objection raised to complicated diacritical signs can be overcome, as in fact it is, by casting types for the purpose. But a fundamental object to be kept in view in any scheme of general application, is facility of

execution by means of an ordinary fount of Roman type in any press; and this prelimary condition, if maintained, is fatal to the employment of compound diacritical points. The objection applies with still greater force to their use in cursive writing. Single accentual signs and dots are of comparatively easy addition by the pen, but more than these tend to create obscurity and blots.

It has appeared to the Sub-Committee that a combination of both systems will be found to afford the best means of securing perspicuity of notation with easy application.

The class of letters in the Nagari alphabet commonly denominated cerebral,* are now generally defined by a single diacritical point below each letter. Let this be taken as the distinguishing sign of this class and its congeners in other tongues, as well as of all letters of a peculiarly harsh or hard sound.

The expedient adopted by Sir W. Jones to indicate aspirated consonants by the apostrophe used to signify the soft breathing of the Greek alphabet, and to some extent recognized in the Roman, must be allowed to be peculiarly appropriate. It was first devised by Halhed, who placed it at the bottom of the line, in which he was followed by Gilchrist. Sir W. Jones removed it to the top. Klaproth and Bopp applied it to the same purpose, omitting the *h* and reversing the comma. But this, as will appear in the sequel, has been reserved for another purpose. Although the Jonesian application has not been so generally employed as it seems to deserve, the majority† of the Committee recommend its adoption on the grounds of fitness, perspicuity, and easy application. It sets free the similar characters used to represent خ and غ with the addition of diacritical marks, and obviates

* This rendering of the Sanscrit grammatical term *múrddh'anya*, from *múrdd'hàn*, "the head," has been objected to, and the word "lingual" proposed instead. One writer suggests "cacuminal," as the most appropriate term.

† Mr. Norman dissents.

the possibility of mistaking the sound of the aspirates themselves, especially in the familiar English pronunciation of *th, ph, ch,* &c.

The strong aspirate at the close of syllables in Sanscrit words, called *visarga,* may be represented by a similar device, or the spiritus asper may be substituted, as *ʽh.* This can never occasion confusion as the *visarga* always follows a vowel.

In dealing with the Dévanágari alphabet, the only remaining letters to be discriminated are those expressing the sibilants and the nasals.

The Committee will complete their examination of this alphabet first, because it is the basis of all Hindu alphabetic writing, and has been more or less completely adopted by all the rest, and then proceed to notice such letters as are peculiar to the Arabic and Dravidian phonetic systems.

Of the Nágari sibilants, the only one calling for consideration is the first—or श, which is "often very inaccurately "confounded with the second, or ष, and even with the third, "or स. It belongs to that class of consonants which, in the "notation here proposed, are expressed by acute accents above "them, to denote an aversion of the tongue towards the palate, "whence this letter is called the *palatine sa.* In the same "manner may be noted the *sád* of the Arabs and Hebrews, "which last it resembles in shape, and probably resembled, in "sound."*

The majority of the Committee resolve to recommend this sign.†

The nasals are five in number.

1. The *anuswara,* signified by a ˙ above the line, and therefore most fitly represented by a Roman *ṅ* with a similar mark.

2. For the guttural *n,* or that pertaining to the first class of Nágari letters, a compound or double symbol, might

* Sir W. Jones. † Mr. Norman dissents

with much propriety be adopted. Its sound is exactly that of the letters *ng* in *sing*, *long*, &c., and these letters, therefore, seem to present the fittest substitute. But Sir W. Jones objects to the addition of the *g*, on the ground that it might create confusion, and often suggest the idea of a different syllable. This difficulty might be overcome by tying the two letters with an infra-linear line, but such complicated signs are objectionable in themselves, and are, moreover, proscribed by our 3rd rule. The line below the *ṉ* alone, may therefore be retained as the characteristic of this sound. Sir W. Jones, viewing it as identical with *anuswara*, employs the same mark for both, but in doing so, transgresses the fundamental rule which requires exact transliteration.

3 and 4. The palatal and cerebral *ens* should, by analogy, follow the rule already in such cases provided, the former being represented by an accent above, the latter by a point below, the line. But as the sound of the first is exactly identical with that of the Spanish *ñ* and Portugueze *nh*,* and provision has to be made for another more purely palatal *n* in the Tamil ண, it seems advisable to adopt the Spanish *ñ*, which presents a familiar representation of the exact power of the Sanscrit letter, and thus to leave the palatal symbol available for the Tamil *n* (ண.)

5. The last, or simple *n*, needs no distinguishing sign.

The Sanscrit alphabet concludes with a character expressing a sound compounded of *k*, *s*, and *h*, which it has been usual to represent by these three letters in sequence. Others have employed the Roman *x* for the same purpose, and considering that this letter is also a compound of *k* and *s*, and is not otherwise required, the majority of the Sub-Committee recommend that it should be appropriated to that sound.†

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* "Containing a composition of *n* and *y* as in the English word *onion*, " and Italian *agnello* which written phonetically would be *onyon*, and *anyello*."—Sir W. Jones.

† Mr. Norman dissents.

The Nágari alphabet, thus adjusted, will stand as follows, with its corresponding Indo-Arabic and Roman representatives:—

*Vowels.*

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| अ | आ | इ | ई | उ | ऊ | ऋ | ॠ | ऌ | ॡ |
| اَ | آ | اِ | اِي | اُ | اُو | رِ | رِي | لرِ | لرِي |
| a | á | i | í | u | ú | ri | rí | lri | lrí |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ए | ऐ | ओ | औ | अं | अः |
| ي | اي | و | او | ں | ه |
| e | ai | o | au | ṅ | 'h or ʻh |

*Consonants.*

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gutturals. | क | ख | ग | घ | ङ |
| | ک | کھ | گ | گھ | ں |
| | k | k'h | g | g'h | n̲ |
| Palatals. | च | छ | ज | झ | ञ |
| | چ | چھ | ج | جھ | ں |
| | ch | ch'h | j | j'h | ñ |
| Cerebrals. | ट | ठ | ड | ढ | ण |
| | ٹ | ٹھ | ڈ | ڈھ | ں |
| | ṭ | ṭ'h | ḍ | ḍ'h | ṇ |
| Dentals. | त | थ | द | ध | न |
| | ت | تھ | د | دھ | ن |
| | t | t'h | d | d'h | n |
| Labials. | प | फ | ब | भ | म |
| | پ | پھ | ب | بھ | م |
| | p | p'h | b | b'h | m |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Semi-Vowels. | य | र | ल | व |
| | ي | ر | ل | و |
| | y | r | l | v |
| Sibilants. | श | | ष | स |
| | ص | | ش | س |
| | ś | | sh | s |
| Aspirate and Compound. | ह | | क्ष | |
| | ه | | کش | |
| | h | | x | |

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## The Dravidian Alphabets.

All the Southern races have adopted the Arian phonetic system except the Tamil people, and they, while retaining their own peculiar system of letters, have formed a second alphabet, founded on the Arian, for Sanscrit literature, which has been extensively cultivated among them. This is called the Grand'ham character.

The Telugu, Canarese, and Malayálam nations have taken the Nágari letters under altered forms, but with the Sanscrit classification and arrangement. The same Roman characters therefore will, so far, serve for all.

Many of the Tamil and some of the Telugu letters are liable to changes of sound with reference to their position or to their derivation from Sanscrit, and some discussion took place regarding the propriety of providing distinct Roman equivalents for such sounds.*

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* "Of the Sanscrit letters, all vowels except the four medial and two " final are common to Tamil ; as are also the first and last letters of the five " classes of consonants ; the four, following in order, from ய ; and that written " ள ; twenty-five in all. The remaining twenty-eight undergo change." *Nannul*, Book iii. *Sutr.* 19.

Mr. C. P. Brown has represented the Telugu చ by ç and the జ by *z*, restricting the true sound of the Nágari च or *ch* to words of Sanscrit origin.

It appears, however, to be unnecessary in a system of strict transliteration to provide more symbols for a letter, however variable in sound, than the people possess themselves. In using a romanized character, such anomalies must therefore be learnt by practice, as they are at present mastered by the natives themselves, who employ the vernacular characters under precisely similar circumstances.

The only exception which appears necessary is in the reduplicated Tamil sounds of த, ட and ற or *d*, *ḍ* and ṙ which become *tt* *ṭṭ* and *t̀t̀* and this has long received the sanction of general usage. These have therefore been admitted. The changes occurring in other letters will be found enumerated in Appendix B. p. 32.

We have also adopted the rule which gives the normal sound of the Devanagari characters to words adopted into Tamil and have represented them by their corresponding Roman letters.

Mr. Brown's expedient however suggests another use for the letter ç and that is, it's substitution for the *ch* of च, which, cumbrous in its simple romanized form, becomes still more awkward and unsightly in its re-duplicated and aspirated shapes.* The letter *c*, the only character remaining unappropriated, is also available for the same purpose. This however is simply thrown out as a suggestion, which we have

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* *e. g.* In the words چھچھوندر and छछुन्दरी *ch'huch'hundar* and *ch'huch'hundari* "a musk rat"; چھچھوندر چھور *ch'huch'hundar ch'hor*, "a back-biter;" చొచ్చుచున్నా. *chochchuchunna* "to rush in."

Prof. Bopp, appears to have adopted the expedient here recommended; thus he writes the title of the celebrated drama called the Toy-cart, *Mric'c'akati*.

not ventured to adopt, but which we consider to be worthy of farther consideration.

Besides these, there are seven other letters peculiar to the Dravidian dialects, which were probably once common to all, but the whole of which are found in Tamil alone at the present day. They are எ ஒ ள ற ழ ன and ஃ or ஃ.* Of these the three first only, have been retained in Telugu and Canarese, and the five first in Malayálam.‡ The two last are confined to Tamil.

The two vowels are simply the short sounds of *e* and *o*, and as the corresponding Sanscrit vowels are always long, and are so designated in the scheme at page 9, no farther provision is required for them.

The Tamil ள, Malayálum ള, and Telugu and Canarese ళ, is not unknown to the Nágari alphabet, and is still found in the older Sanscrit of the Védas, but it has fallen into disuse. It comes under the head of cerebral sounds, and is therefore properly represented by *ḷ* with the mark assigned to that class.

The Tamil ற, or Malayálam റ, has the force of a prolonged palatal *r*, of which the Hindi ڑ seems to be the Urdu equivalent. In its re-duplicated form it becomes *tt* and will be rightly typified by these corresponding letters with the palatal sign—or *r̀* and *t̀t̀*

The next letter ழ, which is confined to Tamil and Malayálam, may be termed the *vexata litera* of the Dravidian, as ع is of the Semitic tongues.

For the difficulties which impede the appropriate rendering of this sound, we refer to Appendix A. p. 21. The various

* *Note:*—In Nannúl, it is said that the letters எ, ஒ, ற, ழ and ன only, are peculiar to Tamil, together with some peculiar sounds of vowels (called "dependant letters) with the exception of vowel-consonants and prolonged vowels". *Book* iii. *Sutr.* 23.

† Peet's Grammar, p. 7.

expedients which have been proposed by different writers resolve themselves into a choice between *r* and *l*, if a single letter is employed—or *zh* if a compound character is admissable.

Two of the highest authorities in Tamil literature, Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Pope have pronounced the letter on philological grounds to be a form of *r* but general use and analogy are in favor of considering it a cerebral *l*. The Committee have therefore resolved to adopt the latter. There being already two *els*, the proper diacritical mark would be a point above, but this being unsuited to the shape of *l* they resolve to recommend a line below or *ḻ*.

The Tamil ண seems to differ in no wise from the ordinary *n* fully enunciated as a palatal sound. It should therefore be noted as *'n**

The last letter is the equivalent of the Arabic خ and like it should be represented by *kh*.

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## The Arabic Alphabet.

Thirteen letters peculiar to Semitic alphabets remain to be rendered by Roman equivalents.

They are :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ث | ز | ف |
| ح | ژ | ق |
| خ | ض | ع |
| ذ | ط | غ |
| | ظ | |

of which six [or seven including ص] *viz.*, ع ظ ط ض ص ح ث are reckoned by grammarians to pertain exclusively to the Semitic languages.

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* "The sound of this character although no longer represented by a specific sign in the Malayalam alphabet, seems to be not unknown in the spoken language." Peet's Grammar, p. 4.

The first is pronounced in Arabic exactly like the English *th* in *thing*—but in India it has simply the force of dental *s*, and but for its occurrence in a few words of Arabic origin might be discarded altogether. As an anamolous letter, it may be distinguished by *s* with a point above or *ṡ*.

The deep guttural breathing represented by ح is generally rendered by *ḥ* which as distinguished from the ordinary *h* seems in all respects appropriate.

The stronger guttural sound of خ common both to Arabs and Persians, is universally rendered by *kh* with or without a diacritical mark. Provision having been made for the aspirated sound of *k*, it does not appear to us that any such distinction is required.*

The Arabic and Persian ز expresses the simplest sound of *z*. The ذ which is also common to Arabia and Persia is a very soft dental sound of the same letter. As an anomalous letter it might be indicated by a supra linear point and the infra linear sign would then be assignable with much propriety to the cerebral form of the same sound in ظ. But it is desirable to retain the same sign for the sister forms of ط and ظ and the cerebral sign of *ṭ* being already pre-occupied in the Devanagari alphabet, another expedient must be devised.

It is proposed to indicate ذ by *z* with a line below or *ẕ* (already adopted by Shakespear) leaving the anomalous sign for ط and ظ as *ṫ* and *ż*.

This is the less objectionable, because these two letters do not properly fall within any of the established phonetic classes of letters, being enunciated by rolling the inverted

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* Prof. Max Muller has proposed to represent these two sounds by *h* with the soft and hard aspirates or *'h* and *ʻh*, but however well adapted for a purely phonetic system they are unsuited to one proceeding on the rule of strict transliteration. The missionaries of upper India likewise discussed the plan of omitting the *h* and expressing خ by *k* alone but rejected it as untenable.

tongue, round one side of the mouth from the hindermost molar towards the front teeth.

To ص has already been assigned the mark of the palatal s̀ and on the score of analogy the ض should be distinguished in like manner by z̀.

The next letters ف and ق present no difficulties. The first is precisely the English *f;* to the latter has been assigned the letter *q,* an arbitrary arrangement, but one which has been very generally adopted and which effectually guards against confounding it with *k.*

With regard to ع which has been the subject of so much controversy, we desire to recommend the expedient proposed by Mr. Bayley of substituting a reversed comma above the line, for the reasons so fully stated at page 35 of Appendix B. It is supported by simplicity of application whether in writing or print, being nothing more than the single inverted comma, used to mark a quotation within a quotation, in ordinary printing. By the latest modification of the Indian Missionary alphabet, it has been resolved to write the vowels represented by ع with a comma before or after the letter—but on the top of the line, as *'a'amál* for اعمال. This plan is also deserving of commendation.

For غ a double character *gh* has long been in use with very general approval. More recently the Missionaries have proposed to drop the *h* and have added a point in the lower loop of the *g*—a gain on the side of simplicity in typography when special provision has been made for the purpose, but impossible of execution in ordinary type and difficult of notation in cursive manuscript.

The Persian ژ has been rendered in all systems by *zh.* It is of extremely rare occurrence and the double sign may be retained. If the same double character be assigned to the

Tamil ழ, the Persian representative might be tied by a line below—as *z̲h̲*.

The anomalous sounds peculiar to certain dialects and which find no place in the Arian system will then be represented as follows :—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| f | for | ف | r̀ | for | ற, റ |
| gh | „ | غ | ṛ | „ | ڑ |
| ḥ | „ | ح | ṡ | „ | ش |
| kh | „ | خ | ṫ | „ | ط |
| ḷ | „ | ள ళ Tel. and Can. & ള | z | „ | ز |
| ḻ | „ | ழ Tamil and Mal. | z̲ | „ | ذ |
| 'n | „ | ண | z̀ | „ | ض |
| q | „ | ق | ż | „ | ظ |
| | | | zh | „ | ژ |

To resume :

The scheme here submitted provides for the representation of every oriental letter employed in India by a single Roman letter, and where required, by the addition of a single diacritical sign, except in five instances, in which double consonants are introduced.

The diacritical signs are :

1. The acute accent over all long vowels.

2. The soft breathing or apostrophe ' with *h* for the aspirated consonants.

3. A point below the letter for the class of letters termed cerebral consonants.

4. An accent above the letter for those styled palatals. The acute accent having been appropriated to the vowels, the grave accent may be substituted for the palatals to prevent confusion.

5. A point above the line for anomalous sounds except in the case of the nasal *n* for which we have borrowed the familiar Spanish *ñ*

6. A line below the letter in two instances when the three descriptions of signs already adopted were exhausted and in a third where the only one available was inappropriate.*

7. The double letters admitted in five instances, are *ch, kh, gh, sh,* and *zh.**

Of these it is possible that the first or *ch* may yet be dispensed with.*

* We propose to exclude the Déva nagari *lri* *lrí* because of such rare occurrence as to be well-nigh obsolete. The Persian *zh* may be reckoned in the same category, which would leave but three double signs, if *ch* was represented by *c* or *ç*.

## APPENDIX A.

As a foundation for the report which the Sub-Committee was appointed to prepare, I would propose the six following axioms :—

1. That the scheme be founded on the system of Sir W. Jones.

2. That a distinct Roman character should be used for each oriental letter.

3. That the same Roman letter shall always represent the same vernacular letter and shall never be employed to designate any other.

4. That two or more letters shall never be taken to represent an oriental character or sound where a single letter will suffice.

5. That diacritical marks should only be employed in the last necessity.

6. Varieties of type as capital, italics, &c., to be declared inadmissible.

Professor Wilson has already drawn up a scheme embracing most of these requisites which is printed in the introduction to his Glossary.

I am not disposed to depart from this, except in a few particulars, where it appears to me to be susceptible of improvement.

I will notice shortly the points in which I differ from that scheme beginning with the Deva Nagari Alphabet.

### Deva Nagari.

In adopting this Alphabet as a basis, we shall have the most perfect phonetic system of classified sounds which, according to Prof. Max Muller, has ever been invented. And this because it was taught by the voice alone, for ages after the Sanscrit language had been brought to a high degree of cultiva-

tion and before the invention of written characters. Thus the word now used for "learning, instruction," is *siksha*, the normal meaning of which is " the proper pronounciation of the vocal sounds occurring in the Vedas as explained by Pánini" (Wilson) in other words " phonetic science".

The aspirated consonants are represented by the addition of the letter *h*. I prefer the practice of Sir William Jones which has been adopted by several continental orientalists who as well as some of our own, add an apostrophe with or without the *h*. I adhere to the Jonesian practice of the comma above as *k'h g'h*, &c.

I do so because these letters are necessarily required to express the sounds of خ and غ and would therefore need a diacritical mark; because *th* at once suggests to English readers the sound of these letters in *the*, *think*, &c, *ph* the sound of *f* in *physic*, *rh* the sound of hard *r* in *rhinoceros*, *rhizome* &c.; because such a general mark as the (') at once suggests the idea of a simple aspiration or breathing in in all places where it occurs, and influences the pronunciation accordingly.

Professor Wilson has changed the romanized symbol of श from *s'* to ṣ in accordance with his system of distinguishing all letters requiring diacritical marks, by points below the line. I prefer the former or Sir W. Jones method which is generally adopted both by English and German orientalists, because it is already established & because in a general system where provision must be made for the three sibilants of the Arabic alphabet also, resort must otherwise be had to more complicated marks.

I object to Wilson's mode of writing *anusvara* by n̥, and the others by infra linear points. Thus, besides the normal *n* he has five so designated, the last with *four* dots under it.*

* Vide Axiom 5.

I would place the mark above, because in conformity with native usage and because, in manuscript, the circle would often become a dot and thus create confusion.

But might not both *anusvara* and *visarga* be expressed by their original characters ◆ and ꞉ which would comport very well with Roman type and be not at all unseemly?

Further, I would adopt for the palatal *n*, which Wilson represents by *n̤*, the spanish *ñ*; for the guttural *n* the double letters *ng* or *n̲;* for the cerebral *n* an *ṇ* and for the Tamil palatal *n* an *ǹ*.

Wilson has no distinction between the Nagari ऋ ॠ and the Hindi ڑ and Tamil ற all of which he expresses by *ṛ* or *ṛi* and *ṛí*.

The sounds are altogether different. I would write

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ऋ | ri̲ | ॠ | rí̲ |
| ڑ | ṛ | | |
| ற | ‘r | ற்ற | t‘t‘ |

The letter क्ष is usually written *ksha* and I am free to confess these letters represent the sound perfectly. But many Orientalists particularly those of France use an *x*. This practice is in accordance with axiom 4.

### Tamil Alphabet.

The only letters that call for notice in Tamil, are:—

ள

ற

ன

ழ

The first, which is also common to the other southern dialects, is an original Sanscrit sound, and is found in the old alphabets of that language. It is a hard *l*, which is appropriately marked by a point below or *ḷ*

The next letter, if only representing the prolonged sound of *r* as uttered in perfection by the Todas of the Nilagiris, would easily be distinguished by a diacritical mark. But in

its re-duplicated use it becomes *tt** and as there are already த்த and ட which are written *tt* and *ṭṭ*, I would recommend, as proposed above, that this character should be expressed by *r̀* and றற by *t̀t̀*.

This is contrary to the 3rd proposed fundamental rule but the genius of the Tamil language and its poverty in phonetic signs require a relaxation of the axiom, to provide for differences of sound of the same letter, under different circumstances, as in the cases of க, ச, த, ட, ப and ற, which may be read respectively as *k* and *g*—*s* and *ch*—*t* and *d*—*ṭ* and *ḍ*—*p* and *b*—*r* and *t*. But as several of these depend on the position of the particular letter in relation to others, which every Tamil scholar soon learns by practice, I would confine the substitution of other Roman characters for the normal one, to the double *tees* and to such words as have been adopted from Sanscrit.

The Tamil ன it has already been proposed to designate by *ǹ*.

The last letter represents a sound peculiar to the Dravidian dialects and now retained only in Tamil and Malayàlam. It is a mixture of *j*, *l* and *r*, and is only pronounced in its purity by the pure Tamil races the Veḷḷázhars and Mudaliyárs. The Todas also enunciate it with peculiar fullness.

The difficulty of finding a suitable Roman equivalent is best exemplified by enumerating the attempts hitherto made to represent it in a Roman dress.

Ziegenbalg 1714 employs......................rl and rhl
Beschi, 1728............................................ l—j
—, pref. of Sen Tamil grammar (Babington's translation)........................................ zj
Ellis, 1816................................................ zh

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* According to Rhenius the true sound of the double ற is *tr* " though the *r* is sounded rather softly and quickly ; but the common people pronounce it like *tt*." *Gram. p.* 17.

Anderson, 1819, (when medial).................. r
———— (when final)..................... l
Babington 1822, Trans. Beschi's Sen Tamil grammar........................................ zh
Rhenius 1834, "a kind of" ........................ rl
Graull 1854, in the Kaivalyanavaníta.......... ḻ
Wilson 1855, Glossary............................ l in Tamil. r̤ in Malm.*
Caldwell 1856, Comp. grammar.................. ṛ
Pope 1856, First Lessons "something like the Welsh ll" with the force of rrr................ r
—1859 Tamil hand-book do. do. and.......... ṛ
B. H. Hodgson 1856.................................. zy
The French Jesuits.................................. xh †

Beschi describes it as being "quoque aliud *l*, quod crassiori sono, reflexâ omnino ad interiorem palati partem linguâ, pronunciatur;" adding in a note "in aliquâ istius regionis parte sonat quasi *j*." *Tamil Gr.* ch. 1. s. 2.

Rhenius observes, "for ழ we have no proper sound in English or any other European language; it is a mixture of *r* and *l* imperceptibly coalescing by turning the tongue upward to the roof the mouth." *Gramr. 3rd ed p.* 16. Thus he writes எழுத்து *erluttu.*

According to Dr. Caldwell "this distinctive Dravidian semi-vowel is found in the Tamil alone. Its sound resembles that of the English *r* after a long vowel, as in the word *farm*, but it is pronounced further back in the mouth, and in a still more liquid manner. It is sometimes expressed in English books as *zh* or *rzh* but this is merely a local pronunciation of the letter, which is peculiar to the northern district of the Tamil country: it is at variance with its affinities and its interchanges,

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* By a typographical error the Malayalam ര and ழ in Prof. Wilson's alphabetical table at p. xi of the glossary have been made to change places.

† This *x* seems to have been intended for the Greek *χ*. Thus they write ழாந்தி *Xhánti*, "a heathen."

and is likely to mislead the learner. ṛ is the only Drâvidian consonant which is pronounced differently in different districts. In the Southern districts of the Tamil country, it is pronounced by the mass of the people, exactly in the same manner as ḷ, which is the letter invariably used instead of ṛ in Canarese. Between Tanjore and Pondicherry, it is softened into *rzh*, or *zh*; and in Madras and the neighbourhood, this softening process has been carried to such a length, that in the speech of the vulgar, ṛ has become a silent letter."

"The Telugu, which commences to be spoken about two days journey north of Madras, has lost this letter altogether. Generally it uses ḍ instead, as the Canarese uses ḷ, but sometimes it uses no substitute, after the manner of the vulgar Tamil of Madras. Looking at such Telugu words as *kinda*, 'below,' answering to the Tamil *kîrnda* and *vingu* 'to swallow,' answering to the Tamil *virungu*, we cannot but suppose, that the Telugu had this letter originally, like the Tamil, and that it lost it gradually through the operation of that softening process which, in the colloquial Tamil of Madras, converts *kîrê*, 'below,' to *kîê*." *Comp. Gram. p.* 108.

Mr. Pope considers the Tamil *r*, *n* and *t*, to possess each three sounds, a dental, a palatal and a cerebral while to ḻ he allows only two, a palatal and a cerebral. In pursuance of this analogy he assigns to ழ the cerebral place of *r* and gives the following rule for its pronounciation "apply the tip of the tongue, as far back as you can, to the palate and pronounce a rough *r* in which a sound of *z* will mingle. In the South, unable to articulate this letter, they use a strong ḷ (ள) instead. In the North in the same way they use ய (*y*) for ழ." *Tamil Hand-book p.* 11.

The only conclusion to be drawn from these various statements is that the ழ represents a sound altogether *sui generis* or as Professor Wilson expresses it, "the enunciation is singularly obscure and cannot be precisely represented by any written characters."

But this sound* is by no means peculiar to the Dravidian dialects. It is found to prevail equally throughout the aboriginal Indo-Chinese tongues of the Himalayas and Tibet Hodgson refers to it repeatedly. "The second *z*," he observes, presented by me by *zy* and equal to the French *j* in *jeu*, is the same with the Tamil *zh* of Ellis and Elliot. It is a very prevalent sound and equally prevalent is the French *u* or *eu* in *jeu* aforesaid. Neither is ever heard from an Arian mouth,"&c.† Even among the aborigines, he adds, the influence of Arian vocables is gradually bringing them into disuse. And this is also the case in the South, where from the same cause, they have gradually disappeared from the Telugu and Canarese.

It becomes a matter of interest therefore, to observe the expedient employed in these two dialects, to replace the absence of this characteristic sound, in words of common origin.

The following

* Pref. to Gloss. p. xv.

† Hodgson, Aborigines of the Nilagiris in Journal As. Soc. Bengal, XXV. p. 503.

The following is a list of words taken at random :—

| *Tamil.* | *Malayalam.* | *Telugu.* | *Canarese.* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| கோழி kózhi. | കോഴി kózhi. | కోడి kóḍi. | ಕೋಳಿ kóḷi. | A fowl. |
| எழு ezhu. | ഏഴ ezha. | ఏడు éḍu, | ಏಳು éḷ u. | Seven. |
| எழுநூறு ezhunúru. | ഏഴുനൂറ ezhunúr. | ఏళ్నూరు éḷúnúru. | ಏಳುನೂರು eḷunuru. | Seven hundred. |
| கூழ் kúzh. | കൂഴ kúzh. | కూడు kúḍu. | ಕೂಳು kúḷu. | Pottage. |
| மழை mazhai. | മഴ mazha. | వాన vána. | ಮಳೆ maḷe. | Rain. |
| சுழி suzhi. | ചുഴി chuzhi. | సుడి suḍi | ಸುಳಿ suḷi. | A circle. |
| தாழை tázhai. | താഴ tázhai. | — | ತಾಳಿ táḷi. | The Pandanus plant. |
| மொழம் mozham. | മുളം muḷam. | మూర múra. | ಮೊಳ móḷa. | A cubit. |
| பாழ் pázh. | പാഴ pázh. | పాడు páḍu. | ಹಾಳು háḷu. | Waste. |
| கீழ் kízh | കീഴെ kizhe. | కింద kinda. | ಕೆಳಗೆ keḷage. | Down, below. |
| மெழுகு mezhuku. | മെഴുക mezhuka. | మయినము mayinamu | ಮೇಣ maina. | Wax. |
| வாழு vázhu. | വാഴു vázhu. | వాడు vádu* | ವಾಳು váḷu. | To live. |
| உழு uzhu. | ഉഴ uzha. | — | ಉಳು uḷu | To plough. |
| பழம் pazham. | പഴം pazham. | పండు pańḍu. | ಹಣ್ಣು hańnu. | Fruit. |
| கொழி kozhi. | കൊഴി kozh i. | కర్రు karru. | ಕಾರು káru | A plough share. |

* The use of *vádu* is nearly obsolete. It is only now occasionally applied to a wife going to live in the house of her husband.

From these examples, it appears that the Canarese substitute a hard *ḷ*, the Telugus generally a hard *ḍ* and sometimes an *ḷ* which is occasionally softened away as in the words for *wax, below, fruit,* &c.—Some times eliding it altogether as in the word முழங்கால் *muzhaṉkàl,* "the knee" which becomes మోకాలు *mókálu.*

So completely has the letter disappeared from Telugu, that the Vadagala Vaishnavas of Telingana who are obliged to repeat daily, portions of the sacred verses composed by the twelve Azhwárs, which they commit to memory from versions written in Telugu characters, finding no letter to represent ழ have adopted the expedient of restoring it bodily in its original Tamil shape.

Notwithstanding the high authorities of Messrs. Caldwell and Pope, I am unable to concur in their view of considering the letter to be an *r.* In this, I am supported by the Native grammarians. The author of the Sabda manjari, the Tamil version of Páṇinis phonetic grammar, distinctly affirms the identity of ழ and ள* which he illustrates by the following examples :—

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|---|---|
| உழுந்து *uzhunda* becomes | உளுந்து *uḷundu*, a kind of pulse. |
| குழகம் *kuzhagam.* | குளகம் *kuḷagam*, a verse. |
| சோழம் *sózham.* | சோளம் சோடம் *chóḷam* and *sóḍam*, a kind of grain. |

So far the balance of authority preponderates in favor of resorting to *l* which should then be distinguished by some diacritical mark.

There is however sufficient evidence to show that the letter is an original Turanian sound which has gradually

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* ழ,ள, யோரபேத, "There is no difference between ழ and ள." It is remarkable that the original dictum of Pánini from which this is adopted runs thus, डळयोरभेदः "between *ḍ*, and *ḷ*, there is no difference." Thus we have *d, zh* and *l* replacing each other in the Southern dialects.

become obsolete from its incompatibility with the Arian phonetic system and that the various changes it has undergone in the examples quoted, are so many make-shifts to get rid of it. If we wish therefore to represent it clearly, we must assign to it a special sign and for this purpose, I am decidedly of opinion that we should retain Ellis expedient of writing *zh,* an arbitrary sign it is true, but one incapable of being mistaken for anything else and at least as appropriate as any other that has been suggested. For let any one follow exactly the mode of pronunciation laid down by Native grammarians as explained by Beschi, Caldwell, and Pope without any preconceived idea in favor of a particular letter and the sound emitted by simply forcing the voice through the organs, will be neither a liquid *l* nor a trilling *r* but a gushing utterance which comes near to *ajh* or *azh* than any other combination of sounds that I can conceive.

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### Arabic Alphabet.

This is the most difficult character to deal with, both on account of the larger number of sounds peculiar to itself, which it contains, and because these are pronounced so differently by different races* which make use of it. The Muhammadans of India altogether fail in enunciating the true sounds of ش, ذ, ص, ض, ط, ظ, which are for the most part reduced by them to *s* and *z*, as among ourselves.

I have already stated my objections to Wilson's representation of خ

غ

ژ

I also object to his exchange of *ḥ* from ح to ه as an unnecessary innovation and as less fitting in itself: ه has

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* The Egyptain Arabs pronounce the ق as *g*. e. g. *galb* for *qalb* "the heart" and the Basarah to and many of the Syrian Arabs invariably gave the sound of *ch* to ك as *chalb* for *kalb* "a dog."

exactly the sound of the Roman *h* whereas ح has a peculiar guttural sound which I conceive to be more appropriately designated by an additional sign or mark.

I differ also from the Professor in using *ḳ* for ق and in conformity with the principle laid down in rule 2, and with the generally adopted practice, I would employ *q* for that purpose.

There remains the *vexata litera* ع which Wilson writes as *â* with a circumflex over it.

This does not appear more happy than any of the preceding schemes which have been suggested.

I like the plan adopted by the Missionaries in Bengal and followed by Dr. Sprenger and some of the Bengal orientalists of employing a comma above the line as l'nat, لعنت adding a vowel where necessary as in mal'ún ملعون

l'àb لعاب

ìn'ám انعام

or it might be represented by the short vowel with a comma over it, as

mal'aún

l'aáb

ín'aám

The letter ث is represented in Wilson's scheme by s̬ which has this propriety, that the diacritical signs are the same as those of the original. But the true sound of the letter is the English *th* and I am inclined to think that sign is preferable. A familiar instance occurs in the word ثمر *thamr,* fruit, as ثمرهندي *thamar hindi,* the Tamarind. But in India, the sound has been very generally corrupted to that of a pure sibilant *s,* so that I would not insist on any change.

Walter Elliot.

## APPENDIX B.

### TELUGU.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| అ | a | as the a in "about" and "delta." |
| ఆ | ā | as the *long* a in "father." |
| ఇ | i | as the i in "pin;" or y in "truly." |
| ఈ | ī | as the *long* i in "pique." |
| ఉ | u | as the oo in "good." |
| ఊ | ū | as the *long* oo in "food." |
| ఋ | ṛi, ṛu | as the ri in "rim," and roo in "rook." |
| ౠ | ṛī ṛū | as the rea in "ream," and roo in "rood." |
| ఎ | e | as the e in "mendicant," (nearly the French é.) |
| ఏ | ē | as the ey in "grey," (nearly the French ê.) |
| ఐ | ai | as the ai in "aisle," or ei in "height." |
| ఒ | o | as the o in "police." |
| ఓ | ō | as the *long* o in "story," and "prose." |
| ఔ | au | as the ou in "foul," or the ow in "drown." |
| క | k | as the k in "king." |
| ఖ | k'h | aspirate of the preceding. As k h in "pack-horse." |
| గ | g | as the g in "garden" and "legacy." |
| ఘ | g'h | aspirate of the preceding. As g h in "gig-horse." |
| ఙ | n | as the ng in "angle." |
| చ | ch | with the vowels i ī e ē ai, as the ch in "church." [*Note* 1.] |
| | ts | with the vowels a ā u ū o ō, as the ts in "jetsam." |
| ఛ | ch'h | aspirate of the preceding ch; as ch h in "coach-horse." |
| జ | j | with the vowels i ī e ē ai, as the j in "jelly." |
| | dz | with the vowels a ā u ū o ō, as the dz in "adze." [*Note* 1.] |
| ఝ | j'h | aspirate of the preceding j. |
| ఞ | ñ | as the gn in "mignon," or the ni in "onion." |
| ట | ṭ | a peculiar hard or palatal t, like t in "trump." |
| ఠ | ṭ'h | aspirate of the preceeding. |

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|---|---|---|
| డ | ḍ | a peculiar hard or palatal d, stronger than d in "drum." |
| ఢ | ḍ'h | aspirate of the preceding. |
| ణ | ṇ | a palatal n. |
| త | t | dental or soft t, as the t in "winter." (The Italian t exactly.) |
| థ | t'h | aspirate of the preceding; as the t h in "ant-hill." |
| ద | d | soft d as the d in "daily." |
| ధ | d'h | aspirate of the preceding; as dh in "adhere," |
| న | n | soft n, as the n in "fancy." |
| ప | p | as the p in "pardon." |
| ఫ | p'h | aspirate of the preceding, as p h in "up-hill." |
| బ | b | as the b in "number." |
| భ | b'h | aspirate of the preceding; as bh in "abhor.', |
| మ | m | as the m in "demand." |
| య | y | as the y in "yellow." (If without a vowel mark it is the vowel ఇ.) |
| ర | r | as the r in "round" and "burial" |
| ఱ | r | a peculiar vibrating r something like r in "crack." |
| ల | l | as the l in "manly." |
| వ | v | as the v in "marvel." |
| శ | 's | an s, or rather sh, something like s in "surety." |
| ష | sh | as the full sh in "shoulder" and "lashing." |
| స | s | as the s in "sinful" and "wasting." |
| హ | h | as the h in "hunger." |
| ళ | l | a peculiar hard l; harder than l in "glover." |
| క్ష | ksh | as the ksh in "workshop." |
| ం | m | as the m in "cumber." |
| | n | as the n in "wonder." |
| ః | h | as the ch in the Scotch "loch." |

*(Note 1.) ts* is the true Telugu sound of the letter చ; but it is used in Sanscrit derivatives for the Sanscrit letter *ch.* So *dz* is the true Telugu sound of the letter జ; but in Sanscrit derivatives it is pronounced as *j.*

N. B.—In the list of consonants in the native character, the vowel mark of *a* short, has been appended to each of the consonants to which it can be appended. This has been done to distinguish them from the 9 consonants which do not carry it, *viz:* k'h, gn, j, ñ, t, n, b, r, l. Hence the *English* equivalents are ka, k'ha, ga, g'ha, gn, &c.

## TAMIL̲.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| அ | a | as the a in "about" and "delta." |
| ஆ | ā | as the *long* a in "father." |
| இ | i | as the i in "pin," or the y in "truly." [*See Note*, 1.] |
| ஈ | ī | as the *long* i is in "pique." [*See Note* 2.] |
| உ | u | as the oo in "good." |
| ஊ | ū | as the *long* oo in "noon." |
| எ | e | as the e in "mendicant" (nearly the French è) [*See Note* 3.] |
| ஏ | ē | as the ey in "grey" (nearly the French ê.) [*See Note* 4.] |
| ஐ | ai | as the ai in "aisle," or ei in height." |
| ஒ | o | as o in "police." |
| ஓ | ō | as the *long* o in "story," or "prose." |
| ஔ | au | as the ou in "foul," or ow in "drown." |
| க | k or g | as k in "king" or g in "lagoon." [*See Note* 5.] |
| ங | n | as the ng in "angle." |
| ச | s | a peculiar s sounded nearly like ch. [*See Note* 6.] |
| ஞ | ñ | as the ni in "onion," or gn in "mignon." |
| ட | ḍ | hard or palatal d; stronger than d in "drum." It has a sound of t in it. |
| ண | ṇ | hard or palatal n. |
| த | t or d | as the t in "tinder," or d in "windy." [*See Note* 7.] |
| ந | n | soft n as the n in "fancy." |
| ப | p or b | as the p in "pardon" or b in "number." [*See Note* 8.] |
| ம | m | as the m in "demand." |
| ய | y | as the y in "yellow." |
| ர | r | as the r in "round" and "burial." |
| ல | l | as the l in "manly." |
| வ | v | as the v in "marvel." |
| ழ | l̲ | a peculiar rolling sound: a mixture of r, l, and the French j. |
| ள | ḷ | a hard l; harder than l in "glove." |
| ற | ṛ | a vibrating r; something like r in "crack." |
| ன | n. | the same as the soft n above, but used as a "final." |
| ஷ | = Sanscrit sh. | |
| ஸ | = Sanscrit sibilant s. | |

## Notes.

(I.) இ (i) before ḍ ṇ ṛ ḷ l̲ is sounded like u ; as விடு leave, is pronounced *vudu*, not *vidu*.

(II.) ஈ (i) before ḍ ṇ ṛ ḷ l̲ is pronounced like the German üh, as வீடு a house, is pronounced *vühdu*, and not *vidu*.

(III.) எ (e) when initial, is generally sounded like *ye* ; and ஏ like *yé*. Thus ஏரி a tank is *yéri* and not *éri*, though the latter form should be adopted in a Glossary.

(IV.) ஏ é before ḍ ṇ ṛ ḷ l̲ is sounded like the German *oë* in Goëthe. As மேடு a rising ground, not *médu*, but *moëdu*, or nearly as if written in English *murdoo*.

(V.) க (k) as an initial is k. Thus காடு *kádu* a jungle. As a medial if *alone* it is g. Thus மகன் *magan* a son, (but in words taken from the Sanscrit, the t is preserved.) As a medial *double* it is k. Thus பக்கம் *pakkam* a side. As a final with a vowel, it is g. Thus படகு *padagu* a boat.

(VI.) ச (*s*) Though generally rendered by the English s when it is alone, the sound is more that of *ch*. Thus செய a field is pronounced more like *chey* than *sey*, though the latter form would be adopted in a Glossary. Thus *chinna* small, for *sinna*, &c. As a medial, if alone, it is more of the sibilant s, as மாசம் *māsam* a month. As a medial double the two form *ch*, as அச்சு, *achu*, a mould. As a final with a vowel, it is more sibilant as பசி *pasi* hunger. When ச follows ற (r) it is pronounced *ch*. As முயற்சி *muyarhi* effort. This letter supplies in Tamil the Sanscrit ch and s.

(VII.) த as an initial, is a soft like the Italian t. Thus துணி *tuni* a piece of cloth. As a medial, or a final with a vowel it is d ; thus கதவு *kadavu* a door, காது *kàdu* the ear. (N. B. This is to be distinguished from காடு kadu a jungle, with a hard d.) When double த்த is tt without any sound of th, as கத்தி *katti* a knife. As an initial த is used for the Sanscrit d'h.

(VIII) ப (p) as an initial is p. Thus பாடு *pādu* a song ; as a medial and alone, it has a sound of b, especially if following ம (m), as பாம்பு *pámbu* a snake. When double ப்ப=p, as தப்பு *tappu* a fault. As an initial, it is used for the Sanscrit b'h.

ட்ச=tch as மாட்சிமை *mátchimai*, excellence.

ஞ்ச=nj as அஞ்சு *anju* five.

ட்ட=ṭṭ (harder than த்த=tt) as ஆட்டுக்கால் *aṭṭukkāl* a sheeps foot.

ற்ற=t̲t̲ (harder than ṭṭ) as ஆற்றுக்கால் *at̲t̲ukkāl* a water course.

## HINDÚSTÁNÍ.

1. The romanizing system that I would propose, is based on Sir William Jones' method, and brought into very general use by Shakespear. The arrangement proposed by Professor Wilson in the introduction to his "Glossary of Official terms," mainly coincides with the above.

2. As Shakespear has been so long a well known authority, I would adhere to the spelling of Hindústání words that we find in his Dictionary with one or two slight modifications. They are as follows. 1st, I would use a different symbol for the ع; but of this more will be said presently. 2ndly, I would accentuate the (و) *ó* and the (ي) *é* because they are both *long* in Hindústání, and when we come to arrange an alphabet to suit Tamiḻ and Telugu as well as Hindústání, it will be necessary to show the difference between the long and short *o*'s and *e*'s. 3rdly, I would introduce the aspirate mark ' before an h following a consonant: as *b*'h instead of *bh*,—because the aspirate is peculiar to the original language from which Hindùstaní is framed, and needs to be sounded. 4thly, I would write the accents as in foreign European languages, *á é í* &c., instead of *ā ē ī* as Shakespear does.

3. Professor Wilson, is no doubt a high authority, especially as he has endeavoured to make his roman alphabet suit various languages besides Hindústání, and it is therefore as well to show where his system differs from Shakespear, and why I adopt *the latter*, (all except ⁎ for ع)

| | | Wilson. | Shakespear. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ث | *s̮* | *s̤* |
| 2 | ذ | *z̤* | *z̲* |
| 3 | ض | *z* | *ẓ* |
| 4 | ظ | *z̮* | *z̤* |
| 5 | ص | *s̤* | *ṣ* |
| 6 | ح | *h* | *ḥ* |
| 7 | خ | *kh* | *k͟h* |
| 8 | ه | *ḥ* | *h* |
| 9 | غ | *gḥ* | *g͟h* |
| 10 | ع | ʌ | ⁎ |

4. With regard to the 5 first, Professor Wilson gives no reasons for this difference from Shakespear, but it is probably owing to his having arranged his roman letters *first* for Sanscrit, and when other *z*'s or *s*'s came in Persian and Hindústaní, he was obliged to adopt a new form. This is evident from his making *s* the equivalent for the Sanscrit श, and thus Shakespear's *ṣ* for ص was changed into *s̤*. In Southern India the Sanscrit श is sounded like "*Sh*" as in *Shiva*, and *Shrotriyam*, and I am inclined to write it *Ṣh*, especially as in Hindústání, it is represented by ش, and in Telugu by శ. Sir William Jones writes it *ś*, and so do many other Orientalists, and therefor I would adopt *ś*. Which ever way it is, the equivalent for ص better remain as Shakespear has it *viz.*, *ṣ*.

5. With regard to the letters ه and ح; according to Shakespear the former is the common *h*, but the latter has a dot under it or *ḥ*. Wilson just reverses this, but with hesitation, as he acknowledges. I prefer Shakespear, not only as being established, but because a dot generally denotes a more *decided* sound, and this is the case with ح, which is sometimes sounded so strong that Europeans have written it *ch*, as in Achmet for Aḥmad. Sir William Jones distinguished it by an accent thus : *h́*.

6. With regard to خ; Wilson renders it *kh*, and thus makes no difference between it and کھ, whereas there is a very *wide* difference, as any one can hear in the pronunciation of خانہ a house, and کھانا food, or *k͟hána* and *k'háná*. Shakespear's distinction of *k͟h* to shew it is all one letter, I would preserve, though I admit it is not absolutely necessary if the aspirates are accentuated as recommended in para. 2.

7. With regard to غ much the same observations as above occur. Wilson says that it is a modification of *g*, and writes it *gḥ*; but this is mere matter of taste, and no inconvenience can result from the well known equivalent used by Shakespear *viz.*, *g͟h* and so distinguishing it from *g'h*.

8. With regard to ع, that letter will be separately considered in an Appendix to this memo.

9. I would not use *italics* at all. They may answer as distinctive marks in printing; but in writing to underline letter, might denote either a diacritical mark, or an italic; and it might be doubtful which.

10. In ordinary writing, the following marks might be omitted: the dots underneath, to distinguish *d* from *ḍ*,—*s* from *s*—*ẕ* from *z* and *ẓ*,—*ṯ* from *t* and *ṭ* &c.; but I would retain the aspirate in *k'h b'h* &c.; unless it were arranged to use *kh* and *gh* for خ and غ. The long vowel accents should be retained, as also the mark over *ś* for the Sanscrit श. The mark representing ع might also be omitted in common writing.

The above concession does not at all diminish the expediency of framing rules, whereby to write in Roman character, with diacritical points, the Eastern languages. In grammars and dictionaries the strict rule should be adhered to, and also in books printed throughout in the Roman character. The Roman rendering should be such, that one conversant with the rules, should be able to convert the words written or printed in that character, into their *original* character. That is the test of a correct method; and of course in this case, *all* the diacritical points are required to be used.

I now proceed to offer in an Appendix, my remarks on the rendering of ع.

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## APPENDIX.

### *Rendering of letter ع.*

1. The rendering in roman character of the letter ع, has as Wilson observes, "always constituted a difficulty."

2. Shakespear's rule, is that when initial in a syllable, it is represented by ٭ (which is its medial form) placed over the vowel which follows it in pronunciation. Thus عَرضي = *arzi*, معافِي *mu'āfī*; but when it is *not* initial in a syllable, (*i. e.* when it has a *jazm* over it) the ٭ is placed after the vowel which precedes, as معمول = *ma*٭*mūl.* It will be observed that when ع *precedes* a vowel, Shakespear precedes *it* by an aspirate mark, (as in *mu'āfī* above) to which he does not allude in his explanation.

3. Wilson states that Sir W. Jones in his Memoir, "proposed to distinguish it by a *circumflex*," and adopts that plan himself.

4. Richardson in his Persian Dictionary, as also Johnson, use the Arabic letter itself.

5. In the proposed "Missionary Alphabet" it is proposed to render it '*h*.

6. In the Calcutta papers of 1835-36 re-printed in London 1854, it is proposed to render it by a dot under the vowel to which it is attached.

7. Dr. Lipsius in his "Standard Alphabet," objects to the circumflex over, or the dot under the vowel, as indicating a change in that vowel, whereas ع is a full consonant, and is distinct from a vowel. He indicates it by ̥

8. All these differences shew that the rendering of this letter requires consideration.

9. In the first place it is to be borne in mind that the letter is purely Arabic, and by Arabic grammarians considered a *consonant*. Under no circumstances can it be considered a *vowel*, if only for this season, that it requires to be surmounted by or subscribed with, one of the three vowel mark, in order to its constitut ing a syllable.

10. Sir W. Jones, and Wilson's plan of the *circumflex*, will first be considered; 1st, where it is initial in a syllable: take the following examples:—

Wilson and Jones.

| | |
|---|---|
| عِرْضِي | ârzì |
| عَامّ | âmm |
| عِزَّت | îzzat |
| عِيد | îd |
| عَيْن | âin |

11. It is contrary to all usage to write anything above the place where a letter is to come, before writing the letter itself; and if the circumflex is used to represent ع, the reader is required to suppose in cases like *ârzî* and *îzzat*, that the circumflex was written *before* the subjacent letter.

12. Again where the ع is *not* initial.

Wilson and Jones.

| | |
|---|---|
| اِعْتبار | îtibàr |
| دَعْوىٰ | dâwà |
| مَعْمُول | mâmùl |

13. In all these cases, the ع has *no vowel mark* over or under it, but on the contrary, a *jazm*, in order to shew that it is quiescent. In these cases what vowel can the *circumflex* be 'circum' to, seeing that there is no vowel in the original syllable? *i^tibàr, da^wá, ma^múl,* would be the only consistent method, if ع = but then the *circumflex* would be *over* nothing! To place it over the *preceding* vowel, is to put it into a syllable to which it does not belong.

14. Again the circumflex over a vowel, is (as stated in para. 7), apt to mislead; for it would be supposed that by it the vowel was made broad, as in the French *fête*. Thus

Wilson would write *mâmúl,* and *nâlband,* leading to the supposition that the mark denoted a *long a ;* whereas the *a* in both words is *short,* though it is true that this *a,* which precedes the ع, is *with* the ع sounded as in English *aa* or with a lengthened sound. So Wilson spells عالي and علي the same, namely âḷì ; whereas the former means *lofty,* and the latter the name of *Muhammad's son-in-law.*

15. Again the circumflex stands in the way of a long vowel accent. Thus in the word عيد a festival, the *i* is *long,* but Wilson writes it "*îd* or *âid,*" (instead of ^*íd,*) as if he were puzzled how to manage it. So he renders عادل by *âádil,* thus as before departing from his own rule, that ع is represented by a circumflex ; for in this case it is represented by *â,* or *both* circumflex and vowel. Other discrepancies are also observed. Thus اطلاع he writes *itlâ ;* here the ع is again *both* circumflex and vowel. The same *î* that is used for the long *i* in *îd* is used for *îzzat* عزت where it is short. (See para. 10.) Again ربيع is written *rabiâ,* where ع is again represented by *â ;* and this in a word in which there is no sound of terminal *a* at all. Still he writes *jámî* for جامع which if *rabíâ* is right, should be *jamiâ.*

16. Shakespear's plan is objectionable on the same ground as Wilson's, so far as the initial is concerned. (See para. 11). The symbol must always have the appearance of having been superscribed *after* the completion of the vowel, and the *initial* position of the ع is apt to be overlooked. It is also objectionable inasmuch as it is used *over* a vowel like an accent, whereas it is a consonant, and should have its *proper place* in the word.

17. Besides this, the symbol ـعـ can hardly be called the ع, for it is only the *medial* form of it ; also it is ill adapted to long vowels, if they are accentuated in the usual fashion.

Thus í á is awkward. Shakespear's ˟ has these advantages over the circumflex : first, it is not an accentuation mark : and secondly, it is written according to a fixed rule. My own opinion is much in favor of the original Arabic letter inserted in its proper place, especially as a medial. Thus *ع‍ain, maعmúl, khilعat, inعám, zilaع*&c. There is no typographical difficulty, and Johnson's Persian Dictionary, —a standard work—has it throughout. A Turkish Grammar printed in London during the Crimean war, also contains it. I have had the letter cast in Madras and used it in type easily and cheaply. This is no doubt the *most correct* method of rendering ع ; but for the sake of expediency, I would not press it. Many would find it awkward to write, and it has an uncouth aspect by the side of roman letters.

18. I would therefore substitute for it the *head* of the letter, namely ˆ ; (or a reversed comma might do), and elevate it above the other letters.

| | Shakespear. | Wilson. | Proposed. |
|---|---|---|---|
| عرضي | ārẓī | ârẓí | ʻarẓí |
| عام | āmm | âmm | ʻámm |
| عيد | īd | îd | ʻíd |
| عين | ain | âin | ʻain |
| رعيت | ra'aiyat | râiyat | raʻaiyat |
| تعلق | ta'alluk | taâlluk | taʻalluk |
| خلعت | <u>kh</u>il'at | khilât | <u>kh</u>ilʻat |
| انعام | in'ām | inâám | inʻám |
| تعينات | ta'īnāt | tâínát | taʻínát |
| معين | mu'aiyan | muâ in | muʻaiyan |
| معمول | ma mūl | mâmūl | maʻmúl |
| تابعدار | tābi'dár | tábîdár | tábiʻdár |
| جمع | jam' | jamâ | jamaʻ |
| ضلع | zil' | zilâ | zilaʻ |
| ربيع | rabī' | rabíâ | rabíʻ |
| اطلاع | ittilā | ittiláâ | ittiláʻ |

### Consonants.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ب | b | as the *b* in "number." |
| پ | p | as the *p* in "pardon." |
| ت | t | dental *t*, as the *t* in "tub." |
| ٹ | ṭ | palatal *t*; as the *t* in "trumpet." |
| ث | s̤ | A peculiar lisping *s*. |
| ج | j | as the *j* in "jelly." |
| چ | ch | as the *ch* in "church." |
| ح | h | hard *h*; like *h* in "haul." |
| خ | k͟h | a guttural *kh*, like the German final *ch*. |
| د | d | dental *d*, as the *d* in "duty." |
| ڈ | ḍ | hard or palatal *d*; as the d in "drum" or "dull." |
| ذ | *z* | as the *z* in "razor." |
| ر | r | as the *r* in "fairy." |
| ڑ | ṛ | a hard vibrating *r*; often used for the hard *d* above. |
| ز | z | as the *z* in "hazard." |
| س | s | as the *s* in "sinful." |
| ش | sh | as the *sh* in "shoulder." |
| ص | ṣ | The same sound as *s*. |
| ض | ẓ | The same sound as *z*. |
| ط | ṭ | Hard *t*. |
| ظ | z̤ | Hard *z*. |
| ع | ʿ | A peculiar arabic *a*. |
| غ | g͟h | A peculiar arabic guttural. |
| ف | f | as the *f* in "fin." |
| ق | k | a clicking palatal *k*. |
| ک | k | as the *k* in "king." |
| گ | g | as the *g* in "legation." |
| ل | l | as the *l* in "relief." |
| م | m | as the *m* in "market." |
| ن | n | as the *n* in "denote." |
| ں | ṅ | Final and nasal *n*; as in the French "bon." |
| و | w or v | as the *w* or *v* in "wisdom" and "device." |
| ه | h | as the *h* in "hand." As a *final*, it has a |

erceptible sound if preceded by a vowel, and is then written in Roman character; but otherwise the final h is neither ounded nor written. Thus درگاه is written *dargáh* : دره a

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Village, is *dih;* but نامه a writing, is *námá.* Thus there is a distinction between دانه *dána* grain, and دانا *dáná* a sage.

N. B.—The Hindí *aspirate* or *h* has been adopted in the Hindústání language, by adding the ordinary h to the several consonants thus:

| | |
|---|---|
| بھ | b'h |
| تھ | t'h |
| ٹھ | ṭ'h |
| پھ | ph |
| چھ | ch'h |
| دھ | d'h |
| ڈھ | ḍ'h |
| کھ | k'h |
| گھ | g'h |
| جھ | j'h |
| ڑھ | ṛ'h |

It is proposed to separate these letters by an aspirate, to distinguish them from *ch, kh* and *gh* which are each one letter, and to prevent the erroneous pronunciation of the th and ph which would occur to English readers. Thus خانه *k͟hána* a house and کھانا *k'háná* food, have a very different pronunciation of the first syllable.

The Arabic *alif-i-maksúra* which terminates some words, is generally rendered in Hindústání by ا ; thus فتوی is فتوا or *fatwá.*

### Vowel Marks.

1. *Zabar* or *fat'ha:* the mark above the consonant to which it belongs, and equivalent to *a* short. Thus قَلَم *kalam* a pen. It is generally omitted in ordinary writing.

2. *Zér* or *kasra;* the mark below, equivalent to short *i;* as خِدمت *khidmat*, service.

3. *Pésh* or *zamma,* the mark ُ above, equivalent to short *u* as پھُول *p'hul* a flower.

4. *Hamza,* the mark ء above. It is a mere compression of the voice, and in Roman character, is designated by an aspirate. It is seldom met with except between long *á* and long í. Thus امرائي *amrá'í* an orchard, آئين *á'ín* a statue or law. In some cases the long *i* is converted into short *i*, as ازمائيش *azmá'ish* instead of *azmá'ísh* trial; قايم *ká'im* instead of *káím* fixed; فائده *fá'ida* instead of *fá'ída* profit. In this case it is called *hamza i mulaiyana*, or softened *hamza*.

5. *Tash'díd,* the mark ّ above, shewing that the letter under it is doubled.

6. *Jazm,* the mark ْ above, shewing that the letter under it is *sàkin* or inert: that is, having no vowel to be sounded after it. Thus قَبْر *kabr* a tomb, اِسْم *ism* a name. These words, if there were no *jazm*, would be *kabar*, and *ísam*. So قَلَم *kalam* a pen, if written قلْم would be *klm*. Thus كسر *kasr* breaking, كَسب *kasab* a trade. The last letter of a word is always inert, and the jazm always understood.

### Vowels.

7. *a* short; as the a in 'volatile.' This sound is supposed to commence every syllable, unless the *jazm* occurs. (para. 6.) The *initial* alif is the only instance where the written ا is pronounced short. N. B. When the unwritten

*a* short is followed by ع, it is generally pronounced long or like a double *aa*, in consequence of the deepening sound of the ع. Thus معمول *ma^cmúl* pronounced *mámúl* custom. So تعلّق *ta'allúk* pronounced *tálluk*, a division of a district; نعل *na^cl* a nail, pronounced *nál*.

8. *a* long, as the a in 'father.' As an initial it is آ, or *alif-i-mandúda*, or prolonged *alif*. As a medial or final, it is ا without the circumflex, as نالا *nálá* a watercouse.

9. *i* short; as the i in 'single.' This is simply the *zér* (para. 2.) Thus the word إجارا *ijárá* a lease خِلعت *khil^cat** a dress of honor.

10. *i* long; as the i in 'pique.' This is the *yá*† with the *zér* under and preceding it, ِي. It is called the *ya-i-ma^crúf* or known ya, this sound only being known in Arabic: as ميراث *míras* heritage. As an initial it is إي, thus إيران *I'rán* Persia.

11. *é* long; as the ei in 'neighbour.' (There is no *short* e in Hindustání.) It is called *yá-i-maj'húl* or unknown, as it is a sound not known in Arabic. It is distinguished from the *i* of para. 10, and the *ai* of para. 12, by having no vowel mark, either above or below. Thus تيل *tél* oil. As an initial it is اي, as ايك *ék* one.

12. *ai*, as the ai in 'aisle.' It is the *yá* with a *zabar* over and preceding it, and thence called *yá-i-sákin mà kabl maftúh*, or *ya* quiescent with a preceding *fat'ha*. Thus مَيدان *maidán* a plain. As an initial it is اَي; So ايسا *aisá* such.

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* With reference to the N. B., of para 7, it will be observed that in this word, the ع *preceds* the a, and the a is *not* lengthened.

† The letter ي is sometime consonant y, as when united with ,, as ياد *yàd* memory فرياد *faryàd* complaint. Words ending in يت preceded by long *a* or long *i* are pronounced as *yat*. Thus پنچايت *pancháyat* a meeting of Arbitrators قبوليت *kabúliyat* an agreement.

13. *u* short; as the u in 'fulsome.' This is simply the *pésh* (para. 3,) as مُلک *mulk* a kingdom. As an initial, it is اُ; as اُستاد *ustád* a teacher.

14. *ú* long; as the oo in 'fool.' It is the و *wáo** with a *pésh* over and preceding it, or *wáo ma'rúf*, or known *wáo*. Thus ضُرور *zarúr* necessary. As an initial it is اُو but hardly any Hindústání words begin with it.

15. *ó* long; as the o in 'bony.' (There is no short o in Hindústaní.) This is called *wáo maj'húl* or unknown *wáo*, as it is not used in Arabic, though common in Persian. It is distinguished from the *ú* of para. 14 by having no vowel mark attached. It is not used as an initial. N. B. When *wáo* follows خ it is written but not pronounced; and then it is distinguished in Roman characters, by w. Thus درخواست darkhwast a proposal. This *wao* is called *wáo-i-ma'dúla* or the passed-by *wáo*.

16. *au;* as ou in 'bound.' It is the *wáo* with the *zabar* over and preceding it. Thus قَول *kaul* permission; نَوکر *naukar* a servant. As an initial it is اَو as اَولاد *aulád* offspring, اَور *aur* and. It is called *wáo-i-sákin má kabl maftúh*, for it is quiescent, and follows *fat'ha*. (See para. 12.)

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* The letter و is also used as a consonant.

THE FOLLOWING ARE 163 WORDS OF COMMON OCCURRENCE.

| *Common Spelling.* | *Correct Spelling.* | *Common Spelling.* | *Correct Spelling.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abkarry | Ábkárí | Chavedy | S̱ávaḍi |
| Adawlut | ‘Adálat | Chellaun | Chalán |
| Amauny | Amání | Chillum | Chilam |
| Ameen | Amín | Chittah | Chiṭṭ'ha |
| Anna | Áná | Chokra | Ch'hókrá |
| Annicut | Aṇaikaṭṭ(u)* | Chop | Ch'háp |
| Ayen | ‘Ain | Chowky | Chaukí |
| | | Chuckler | S̱akkiliyan |
| Bagayet | Bag̲háyat | Chuckrum | Chakkaram |
| Banghy | Bahangí | Chuttrum | S̱attiram |
| Bareez | Bérij | Circar | Sarkár |
| Batta | B'hata | Clashie | Ḵhalásí |
| Beegah | Bíg'há | Coil | Kovil |
| Bhutverty | B'haṭṭvarṭṭi | Coir | Kayiṛ(u) |
| Bowry | Báórí | Conjee | Kánji |
| Bramin | Brahman | Conicopoly | Kaṇakkapiḷḷai |
| Brinjarry | Banjárá | Coochel | Kuchchela |
| Buckreed | Bakr‘íd | Cooltee | Kult'hi |
| Bund | Band | Cooly | Kúli |
| Bunjeer | Banjar | Coonchum | Kuncham(u) |
| Byraghee | Bairágí | Cotaur | Kót'hár |
| Cabooleat | Ḳabulíyat | Cowle | Ḳaul |
| Calingulah | Kalingal | Crore | Karór |
| Candy | Kaṇḍi | Cullum | Kaḷam |
| Carcoon | Kárkun | Chullm | Kalam |
| Cash | Kásu | Cumly | Kambali |
| Catamaran | Kaṭṭamaram | Cummerbund | Kamarbund |
| Cavilgar | Kávalkár(an) | Curnum | Karaṇam(u) |
| Cawnie | Káṇi | Cusbah | Kaṣba |
| Cazee | Ḳáẓí | Cuscus | Khaskhas |

* The terminations in parentheses, though correct as to letters, are not sounded and might be omitted in writing.

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|---|---|
| Cutbuddy | Kaṭṭubaḍi |
| Cutcha | Kachchá |
| Cutcherry | Kach'harí |
| Dacoit | Dakait |
| Dawk | Ḍák |
| Deccan | Dak'han |
| Deloyet | D'haláyat |
| Dewan | Díwán |
| Dholl | Dál |
| Dhony | Dóṇi |
| Doodie | Duḍḍu |
| Dooly | Ḍúlí |
| Dowle | Ḍaul |
| Duffedar | Dafaʿdár |
| Dufter | Dafter |
| Durgah | Dargáh |
| Durkhast | Darkhẉást |
| Durma-curta | D'harma-kartá |
| Dusserah | Das'hará |
| Durzee | Darẓí |
| Eedgah | ʿÍdgáh |
| Enam | Inʿám |
| Fakeer | Fakír |
| Foujdary | Foujdárí |
| Fusly | Faṣlí |
| Fussul | Faṣl |
| Fysil | Faiṣal |
| Garce | Garisa |
| Gharry | Garí |
| Ghaut | G'hát |
| Ghee | G'hí |
| Ghurree | Gar'hí |
| Ghurry | G'hárí |
| Ghyre | Ghair |
| Godawk | Gudák(u) |
| Goolee | Guḷi |
| Goomastah | Gumáshta |
| Goonta | Guṇta |
| Goor | Guṛ |
| Guddee | Gaḍḍí |
| Gunny | Ganní |
| Harem | Ḥarím |
| Hejira | Ḥijra |
| Hircarrah | Harkára |
| Hookum | Ḥukm |
| Hoondee | Hundí |
| Hoozoor | Ḥuzúr |
| Howdah | Hauda |
| Hungamy | Hangámí |
| Jaghire | Jágír |
| Jemmadar | Jamaʿdar |
| Jeroyety | Ziráʿtí |
| Jummabundy | Jamaʿbandí |
| Kayem | Ká'im |
| Khureetoo | Kharíṭa |
| Kincob | Kimkhẉáb |
| Kyput | Kaipaṭṭ(u) |
| Lac | Lák'h |
| Lascar | Lashkar |
| Layek | Lá'ik |
| Loot | Lúṭ |
| Lubbay | Labi |
| Mafee | Muáfí |
| Mahomet | Muḥammad |
| Maistry | Mistrí |

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|---|---|
| Mamlutdar | Muʿámalatdár |
| Mamool | Maʿmúl |
| Marahmut | Marammat |
| Masalchee | Mashʿálchí |
| Mauniem | Mániyam |
| Meerassy | Mírási |
| Merah | Mérai |
| Mercal | Marakkál |
| Mocassah | Mukhása |
| Mofussil | Mufassal |
| Mohturfa | Muhtarafa |
| Mohunt | Mahant |
| Mohur | Muhar |
| Mohurrum | Muharram |
| Momety | Momaṭi* |
| Monigar | Maniakár(an) |
| Moochee | Móchí |
| Moochilka | Muchalka |
| Moofty | Muftí |
| Moolgueny | Múlgaini |
| Moollah | Mullá |
| Moolvy | Maulaví |
| Moonshee | Munshí |
| Moonsiff | Munṣif |
| Moosulman | Musalmán |
| Mootah | Muṭ'hṭ'ha |
| Mootasuddy | Mutasaddí |
| Moplah | Mápilḷa |
| Moyen Zabitah | Muʿaiyan Zábiṭa |
| Muzoondar | Majmúʿdár |
| Motabar | Muʿtabar |
| Mouzah | Mauzaʿ |
| Mushrooty | Mashrúṭí |
| Musjeed | Masjid |
| Musnud | Masnad |
| Mutt | Maṭ'h |
| Nacoda | Nákhudá |
| Naigue | Náyak |
| Nair | Náyar |
| Natcheny | Nachini |
| Nautch | Nách |
| Nerrick | Nirkh |
| Nicka | Nikáḥ |
| Nullah | Nálá |
| Nunjah | Nansey |
| Nuzzer | Nazr |
| Olluck | Alák(ku) |
| Oolcoody | Úlkuḍi |
| Oolgunoo | Olungu |
| Oomedwar | Úmmédwár |
| Oordoo | Urdú |
| Ooroos | ʿUrs |
| Parcherry | Paraichéri |
| Pariah | Paraiyan |
| Pergunnah | Pargana |
| Perumboke | Purambók(ku) |
| Peshcush | Péshkash |
| Petta | Péṭṭai |
| Pie | Páí |
| Pindarry | Pend'hári |
| Poligar | Palaiyakár(an) |
| Pollum | Palam |
| Poonjah | Punsey |
| Pooty | Puṭṭi |
| Paracoody | Parakuḍi |
| Potail | Patél |
| Pucka | Pakka |

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|---|---|
| Puckally | Pak'hálí |
| Puddy | Paḍi |
| Puddial | Paḍiyál |
| Puggree | Pagrí |
| Punchayet | Pancháyat |
| Punkah | Pank'ha |
| Purdah | Parda |
| Purwannah | Parwána |
| Putcut | Paṯṯukaṭṭ(u) |
| Puttah | Paṭṭá |
| Pyacarry | Payakárí |
| Pygusht | Paigast |
| Pymash | Paimá'ish |
| | |
| Raggy | Rágí |
| Razeenamah | Rází-náma |
| Reyayet | Riʿáiyat |
| Rissaldar | Risáladár |
| Rowannah | Rawána |
| Russoom | Rusúm |
| | |
| Saderwared | Ṣádirwárid |
| Sagoobuddy | Ságuba |
| Salastry | Sálótarí |
| Sayer | Sá'ir |
| Seacunny | Sukkání |
| Seer | Sér |
| Sepoy | Sipáhí |
| Serang | Sarhang |
| Sevoy-jumma | Siwá'i-jama |
| Shaikal | Seykkál |
| Shavy | Sávi |
| Sheristadar | Sarrishtadár |
| Sheeah | Shíʿah |
| Shroff | Ṣarráf |
| Shrotrium | Srótriyam |
| Sibbendy | Sihbandí |
| Sicca | Sikka |
| Silledar | Silaḥdár |
| Soobah | Ṣúba |
| Sotuntrum | Swatantram |
| Soucar | Sáhúkár |
| Sowar | Sawár |
| Sudder | Ṣadr |
| Sunnud | Sanad |
| Suttee | Satí |
| | |
| Takeed | Tákíd |
| Taliary | Talaiyárí |
| Talook | Taalluḳ |
| Tannah | T'hán |
| Teerwa | Tírvai |
| Thug | T'hag |
| Thasildar | Tahsíldár |
| Tindal | Tandel(u) |
| Toom | Túm(u) |
| Toondoovarum | Tuṇḍuváram |
| Totacal | Tóṭṭakál |
| Tuccavy | Taḳáví |
| Turrufdar | Ṭarafdár |
| Turrum | Taram |
| Tusdeek | Taṣdíḳ |
| Tynaut | Taʿínát |
| Urzee | ʿArẓí |
| Ussul | Aṣal |
| Vakeel | Vakíl |
| Vaylie | Véli |
| Veesabuddy | Visabaḍi |
| Viss | Víṣai |
| Wooliem | Úḻiam |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Wudder | Oṭṭan* | Zabitah | Ẓábiṭa |
| Wurg | Varga | Zemindar | Zamíndár |
| Wussul | Waṣul | Zillah | Ẓila' |
| Yadast | Yáddásht | Zuft | Zabṭ |
| Yeomiah | Yaumia | | |

The following words though mis-spelt, have almost become European.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arrack | Araḳ | Hopper | Appam |
| Bandy | Banḍi | Jelly | Salli |
| Bungalore | Bánglá | Jungle | Jangal |
| Chatty | Ṣaṭṭi | Maund | Manangu |
| Cheroot | Ṣuruṭṭu | Rupee | Rúpíya |
| Chunam | Ṣunnámbu | Ryot | Ra'aiyat |
| Curry | Kaṛi | Teapoy | Tí-ṇpá'í |
| Dubash | Dó-b'háshí | Toddy | Táṛí |
| Fanam | Paṇam | Tope | Tóppu |
| Godown | Giḍangu | Jaggery | ar kkari |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Veysarpady | Veyásarpádi | Chintadrapett | Sintádiripéttai |
| Perumbore | Perambúr | Chepauk | Sépákkam |
| Vepery | Véperi | Poodoopaukum | Pudduppákam |
| Pursewaukum | Pursaipákkam | Mylapoor | Myilápúr |
| Kilpauk | Kílpákkam | Royapoorum | Ráyapuram |
| Chetput | Séttupaṭṭu | Tondiarpet | Tándaiyárpet-tai |
| Ellumbore, Egmore | Elambúr | | |

* Pl. Oṭṭar.

## APPENDIX C.

*Memorandum to accompany a proposed scheme for the representation of native names and words in the English character.*

1. It is, I think, needless to argue the necessity of *some* systematic way of representing native names in the English character. All will probably admit the desideratum. The accompanying scheme shews the Alphabet which I would propose to adopt for the representation of the five principal languages of the Madras Presidency, and Sanskrit. The latter is added, as Sanskrit words are so largely adopted into all the Madras languages.

1 Tamil.
2 Telugu
3. Malayàm.
4 Canarese.
5. Dakhani; or the dialect of Hindüstàní spoken in the South.

2. I am aware that the proposed Alphabet, as it stands, is not the best or most simple way which could be devised for representing the character of any one of the five languages; but as it is doubtless desirable to have one Roman-Alphabet for *all* the native languages of the Presidency, sacrifices have been made to attain this end; and my endeavour has been to devise a way of representing six native Alphabets with as much simplicity as is consistent with critical correctness.

3. I earnestly hope for the early attention of Government to the subject with a view to the speedy adoption of this or *some* plan. The careless and unintelligible way of representing native names is a great and increasing evil. I may instance the Yomiah

Vide List B.

allowance Lists which came up the other day from the Board of Revenue, and are now being printed. Many of the names are utterly unintelligible, and many more only to be distinguished by a series of guesses.

4. I would beg to suggest that all departments under Government be directed rigidly to adhere to the scheme now circulated, (or that which may ultimately be adopted) in representing all native names in their Official Papers, from the commencement of the approaching Revenue year (1st July 1859). This will give writers, &c., ample time to master the details of the scheme. Something like the following short instructions might be issued.

I. In writing native names and words, no letters are to be introduced which do *not* exist in the original. For example the use of *h* at the end of proper names as Ramaya, Rámappa, now so common, is wholly inadmissible.

II. The letters which *do* exist in the original are to be expressed according to the accompanying scheme.

III. Names of Districts, and other names which have been thoroughly Anglicized, as *for example* those in the annexed list, are to be written as usual without alteration. When a doubt exists as to whether a word has been thoroughly-Anglicized, it is to be given in the correct form.

A.

5. I would solicit attention to the fact that the change will not be nearly so great, as a glance at the tabular statement would lead one to suppose. The more complicated symbols are of comparatively rare occurrence ; and the only diacritical points which often occur are the dots underneath the hard letters, and the accents over the long vowels—to introduce these will surely be a most simple matter.

6. It appears advisable to notice an objection made by an officer whose opinion would from his position seem at first sight entitled to weight. I do this in case the same opinion may be held by others ; though this is, I hope, scarcely

probable, as it is merely the offspring of prejudice and not of conviction. It is said that "if the orthography of names is "altered, the names in their amended form, will not be identifiable with themselves as they stood previous to emendation." I reply that there is no definite plan of spelling names in use for which it is proposed to substitute another definite plan. There is no existing fixed method of representing words, a departure from which would endanger their recognition. What is proposed now, is to *establish* a definite plan, instead of allowing each name to be written according to the fancy of the writer, and his ideas of the force of letters and the pronunciation of what he writes. No objection is made to perpetual contortions and uncouth changes of form which it is impossible to deny take place now in writing names, scarcely any one being presented twice in the same garb; no fears are expressed of non-recognition now, but most unaccountably, if it is proposed to make a change on certain fixed principles once for all, it is objected that the words so changed will not be identified. I would ask if this has been found the case in the N. W. P. where a correct orthography has been attempted, or whether it is consistent with reason and common sense to suppose that it ever will be?

See List B.

7. I conclude with another expression of an earnest hope that steps may at once be taken in the matter.

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Bangalore,<br>
*March* 12*th* 1859.

A.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Anna. | Cooly | Pie. |
| Anicut. | Dacoit. | Pice. |
| Batta. | Harem. | Poligar. |
| Cash. | Jaggery. | Rupee. |
| Catamaran. | Lascar. | Ryot. |
| Chuckler. | Maistry. | Sepoy. |
| Coir. | Mohur (the coin). | Shroff. |

And perhaps the most common weights and measures may be added as viss, ollock, &c.

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B.

| *Correct spelling.* | *Spelling in the Proceedings of Govt.* | |
|---|---|---|
| Rabí ul awal............ | Rabee oo lawl. | |
| ? unintelligible....... | Wrüjianul nissa. | |
| Jánakí..................... | Jawnaky.<br>Johnke. | |
| Tirupanantál........... | Trippendal. | |
| Bilmokṭá.................. | Bilernetah. | |
| 'Achári..................... | Auchaury.<br>Charry.<br>Chary.<br>Auchary, Aucharry. | |
| Malsar...................... | Muleers. | |
| ? ...................... | Vellairgh. | |
| Purushóttamapuram... | Prosutpoor ! | |
| Vriddháchalam......... | Veerootachellam, &c. *ad infinitum.* | |
| Mangalagiri............ | Mungulyirry. | Extract Minutes Consultation, 30th April 1857, No. 830, Revenue Department. |
| Ténáli..................... | Jenally. | |
| Répalli.................... | Rasilly. | |
| Ḳádir....................... | Khawder, Khader.<br>Khawther, Cader.<br>Cawder.<br>Kawder.<br>Kauder, &c , &c. | |
| Kuḷḷan.................... | * Quilon. | |

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| * So corrupted I suppose because Kullan is something like *Kollam* a town in Travancore which is called by Europeans Quilon! ... | Minutes Consultation, Public Works Depatment, 22nd April 1857, No. 751. |
| Bhawáni.................. | Bohwanny.<br>Bowanny.<br>Bhowaney.<br>———ay.<br>Bawany, &c., &c. |
| Váganai.................. | Vaugany, Vaughaunay. |
| Véda vritti............... | Vedah varthe.<br>Vada vurthe.<br>Veda virthee.<br>Vada verte, &c. |
| Gurukkal.................. | Goorkul, Goorookul. |
| Malaiyapuram.......... | Mullapooram.<br>Mallaiyapooram.<br>Malaprom.<br>Mulapoorum.<br>Mullapooram &c. |
| Mágánam.................. | Máhanom. |
| Kánún.................... | Kaunnoon. |
| Hurmat un nisá......... | Hoor Muttoo Missal. |
| Mahtáb khor ............ | Mootah Kanar. |
| Mudu krishnaiyangár. | Mootookristin Engar. |
| Tirumalai 'Achári....... | Teroomulah Charry.<br>Trimul Auchary.<br>Thirmalah Charry.<br>Thiroomul Chary. |
| Ranjangarh............. | Runjanagoody.<br>Runjungada.<br>Runjengeddy.<br>Runjnegudd.<br>Runjungode.<br>Rungangudda. |
| Sátgada.................... | Sautghyr. |
| Phala nashtam.......... | Falamuptum. |
| Unintelligible; either Abú Turáb; or Abhùta Radzu........... | Abotoorah.<br>Ahboothooraz.<br>Abootoora. |

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|---|---|---|
| Ḳásim | Cossim<br>Kohsum.<br>Cassim.<br>Cawsim.<br>Kawsim, &c., &c. | |
| Ibráhím | Ebrahkeem. | |
| Unintelligible ; perhaps Sabdattuppadapporuḷ<br>சப்தத்துப்பதப்பொருள் | Sytuttoopudappore. | Extract Minutes Consultation, 22nd October 1857, No. 1508, Public Department. |
| Brahmadèsam | Bremadasom.<br>Brumma——<br>Bromma—— | |

| Sanskrit. (Devanágari) | Telugu. | Karnáta. | Malayálam. | Tamil. | Persian and Hindústáni. | Proposed Roman Equivalent. | Remarks and Explanation. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| अ | అ | ಅ | അ | அ | ا ا | a | I deem it unnecessary to enter into argument to show how impossible it is to represent the Vowels of the Oriental Alphabets in the Roman character, if the English standard of pronunciation be adopted I will merely state that the force possessed by the *Italian* vowels is to be given the "Roman equivalent" in Col. 7. |
| आ | ఆ | ಆ | ആ | ஆ | آ آ | á | |
| इ | ఇ | ಇ | ഇ | இ | اِ | i | |
| ई | ఈ | ಈ | ഈ | ஈ | اِی یـ ي | í | |
| उ | ఉ | ಉ | ഉ | உ | اُ | u | |
| ऊ | ఊ | ಊ | ഊ | ஊ | اُو وُ و | ú | |
| ऋ | ఋ | ಋ | ഋ | — | — | r̲i | |
| ॠ | ౠ | ೠ | ൠ | — | — | r̲í | |
| ए | ఎ | ಎ | എ | எ | اِی یـ ي | e | |
| \| | ఏ | ಏ | ഏ | ஏ | — | é | |
| ऐ | ఐ | ಐ | ഐ | ஐ | اَیْ | ai | I prefer ai to ei, as, first, less likely to be mispronounced, and 2ndly, because it represents more nearly the *nature* of the vowel. |
| ओ | ఒ | ಒ | ഒ | ஒ | او و | o | |

| Sanskrit. (Devanágari.) | Telugu. | Karnáṭa. | Malayálam. | Tamil. | Persian and Hindústáni. | Proposed Roman Equivalent. | Remarks and Explanation. |
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| — | ఓ | ಓ | ഓ | ஓ | — | ó | |
| औ | ఔ | ಔ | ഔ | ஔ | اَو | au | |
| क | క | ಕ | ക | க | ک ک ک | k | |
| ख | ఖ | ಖ | ഖ | க | کھ | kh | I strongly object to k'h, as I see no use in the apostrophe. So in the case of the other aspirated letters. |
| ग | గ | ಗ | ഗ | க | گ گ گ | g | |
| घ | ఘ | ಘ | ഘ | க | گھ | gh | |
| ङ | ఙ | ಙ | ങ | ங் | — | n̲ | This n̲ is almost always mute, as is likewise ஞ in Tamil. It may therefore at option be expressed by n only. But when followed by a vowel the distinctive dots and line must be added, as இங்ஙனம் inn̲anam, in this manner; náyiru, the sun. When followed by a consonant the class of n will be known by the consonant following: thus ங only will precede க and ஞ only, ச. |
| च | చ | ಚ | ച | ச | چ چ چ | ch | |
| छ | ఛ | ಛ | ഛ | ச | چھ | chh | |
| ज | జ | ಜ | ജ | ச ஜ | ج ج ج | j | |
| झ | ఝ | ಝ | ഝ | ச | جھ | jh | |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ञ | ఞ | ಞ | ഞ | ஞ | — | (n̤) n | As kanji, கஞ்சி rice water; ஞாயிறு nayiru, the sun. Mal. കുഞ്ഞു kunna, the young of animals. |
| ट | ట | ಟ | ട | ட | ٹ ٹ | ṭ | |
| ठ | ఠ | ಠ | ഠ | ட | ٹھ | ṭh | |
| ड | డ | ಡ | ഡ | ட | ڈ ڈ | ḍ | |
| ढ | ఢ | ಢ | ഢ | ட | ڈھ | ḍh | |
| ण | ణ | ಣ | ണ | ண | — | ṇ | When in Hindustáni, Sanskrit words containing this letter require to be expressed, the ن may be represented by ṇ though there is no distinct symbol for hard n in the language. As سورن savarn "of the same class with." |
| त | త | ತ | ത | த | ت ت ت | t | |
| थ | థ | ಥ | ഥ | த | تھ | th | |
| द | ద | ದ | ദ | த | د د | d | |
| ध | ధ | ಧ | ധ | த | دھ | dh | |
| न | న - ఌ | ನ | ന | ந-ன | ن ن | n | |
| प | ప | ಪ | പ | ப | پ پ پ | p | |
| फ | ఫ | ಫ | ഫ | ப | پھ پ پ | ph | |
| ब | బ | ಬ | ബ | ப | ب ب ب | b | |

| Sanskrit. (Devanágari) | Telugu. | Karnáta. | Malayálam. | Tamil. | Persian and Hindústáni. | Proposed Roman Equivalent. | Remarks and Explanation. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| भ | భ | ಭ | ഭ | ப | بھ | bh | |
| म | మ | ಮ | മ | ம | م ـمـ ـم | m | |
| श | శ | ಶ | ശ | ச-ஶ | ـشـ ـش | sh | (The letter ஶ does not exist in the Tamil alphabet proper. It is a Grantham letter.)<br>In Hindustani both س and ش are used to represent the sanskrit श as سو or شو siw, or shiw, the god Shiva. |
| ष | ష | ಷ | ഷ | ஷ | ش ـشـ ـش | sh̲ | Likewise ش represents both hard and soft sh; *i. e.* sh̲ and sh; as شماري shumárí, computation; koshish, كوشش endeavour; but كرش karsh̲ agriculture. |
| स | స | ಸ | സ | ச ஸ | س ـسـ ـس | s | ஸ is a Grantham letter, not existing in the Tamil Alphabet proper. It is generally used where s is mute in words, adopted from sanskrit, as நாஸ்திகன் Nástikan, an infidel. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ह | హ | ಹ | ഹ | ஹ | ه ح ہ | h | The character ஹ is not found in the Tamil alphabet proper, but the use of it is on the increase, and I believe it is admitted by all that it is highly desirable to introduce it freely to express h in words adopted from the Sanskrit, as அஹங்காரம் ahankaram, egotism not அகங்...... akam ...... |
| य | య | ಯ | യ | ய | ي ئ ی | y | |
| र | ర | ರ | ര | ர | ر ڑ | r | |
| ल | ల | ಲ | ല | ல | ل ا ل | l | |
| व | వ | ವ | വ | வ | و و | v w | |
| क्ष | క్ష | ಕ್ಷ | ക്ഷ | க்ஷ | — | ksh | |
| | ః | ಃ | ഃ | — | — | h | The Sanskrit visargah. Simply a soft final h. |
| | ం | ಂ | ം | — | — | m or n | The Sanskrit Anuswara. Simply a final m in sanskrit; in Telugu, Karnata, and Malayalam n or m according to the consonant it precedes. |
| | ఁ | — | — | — | ں ن | ṅ | Like the n in the French sans, bon. Hind: Nún-i-ghunna. |
| ळ | ళ | ಳ | ള | ள | — | ḷ | A harsh ḷ something like rl. |
| | ఱ | ಱ | റ | ற | ڑ ڑ | r | |
| | — | — | ഴ | ழ | — | ḻ | The sound might be more nearly imitated by zh if the Tamil alphabet alone had to be represented. But it is impossible to imitate the sound exactly ; and zh has been chosen for the Hindustani ژ |

| Sanskrit. (Devanágari) | Telugu. | Karnáta. | Malayálam. | Tamil. | Persian and Hindústáni. | Proposed Roman Equivalent. | Remarks and Explanation. |
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| | — | — | — | ஃ | — | ch | Called "aitham;" sounded like ch in German "nicht;" of very rare occurrence. |
| | — | — | — | — | فـ ـفـ ـف ف | f | } as فَرق fark̤ difference. |
| | — | — | — | — | قـ ـقـ ق | k̤ | |
| | | | | | حـ ـحـ ح | h | as in مَسَاحَت masàh̤at, measurement. |
| | | | | | خـ ـخـ خ | kh | as in خَير khair, well! |
| | | | | | ثـ ـثـ ث | s̤ | as in ثَابِت s̤àbit, firm. |
| | | | | | صـ ـصـ ص | s̤ | as in صَدر s̤adr, principal. |
| | | | | | ط ط | t̤ | as in خُطُوط khut̤ùt̤, letters. |
| | | | | | ز ز | z̤ | as in زِندگي zindagi, property. |
| | | | | | | , | |

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|---|---|---|
| ع ـعـ ـع | a comma | as in متعاد mút'ád accustomed. |
| غ ـغـ ـغ | g̲h̲ | as in غير ghair without. |
| ژ ـژ | zh | as in ژاژ zházh, abuse. |
| ض ـضـ ضـ | ẓ | as in ضرور ẓurúr, necessary. |
| ظ ـظ | z̤ | as in ظن z̤ann, suspicion. |
| ذ ـذ | z̲ | as in ذو z̲ú, master. |
| Hamza ء | — | as pa-e پائے "a foot," لاؤ la-o "bring." |
| Hamza Mulaiyina | —i | as sa-ir سائر moveable, that which moves |
| Tanwín ً ٍ ٌ | n̄ | as تخمیناً tak̲h̲mínan̄, "conjecturally." |
| Was̤l وصل | | This mark, when placed over the first letter of a word to which the Arabic article ال al is prefixed, changes the l of the article to the initial letter of the word following when that initial is t ṣ d z̲ r zh s sh s̤ z̤ ẓ l or n; as Mihr un-nis̤á sun of women; az̤har min ush sham, clearer than the sun. |

| Sanskrit. (Devanagari) | Telugu. | Karnata. | Malayalam. | Tamil. | Persian and Hindustani. | Proposed Roman Equivalent. | Remarks and Explanation. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sounds peculiar to certain combinations of letters | | | | | | | |
| | | | | ச்ச | | tch | as ஈச்சமரம் ítchu-maram, the date tree. |
| | | | ററ | ற்ற | | tt | as ചെററുമക്കൾ chettumakkal sons of the soil. slaves; pettu பெற்று having brought forth. |
| | | | | | ي ى | a | as in Fatwa فطوي (Alif-i-maksúra) |
| Sounds peculiar to certain single letters. | | | | | | | |
| | జ | | | | | dz | as రాజు radzu a king. |
| | చ | | | | | ts | as చూడు tsúdú. Behold! |
| | | | | | Wáo i M'adúla و و | w | As خير خواه khair khwah. This wáo is scarcely sounded at all ordinarily, or has the sound of a short u. |

## II. *On the substitution of the Roman for the Indian characters.* By Dr. Caldwell.

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[This paper has been contributed by the Revd. Dr. Caldwell, the author of the "Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian or Southern Indian Family of Languages" which is decidedly the best book on ethnology and philology which has been published for many a long year. The paper also derives a peculiar interest from the fact, that the important subject of it—the application of the Roman letters to the languages of Southern India, has been thought out by the able and learned Doctor, without his having had access to the publications on the application of the same letters to the languages of Northern India. The book just published by Professor Monier Williams, and a pamphlet which may shortly be expected from the Revd. G. U. Pope, will supply ample information to everybody who is interested in the subject.]—C. E. T.

Sir,

The time appears to have arrived for the discussion in Southern India of a question which has made much progress in the North-West, the expediency of substituting the Roman character for the various characters now in use in India.

On this side of India, so far as I am aware, the plan has rarely, if ever, been seriously discussed. It has generally been regarded as a quixotical crotchet which may most fitly be met with a smile. What is chiefly required, therefore, as it appears to me, in this Presidency, is that the subject should be duly ventilated, and that educationists, missionaries, and public functionaries should be induced to bestow upon it a little serious attention.

Professor Max Müller has advocated the plan in his "Proposals for a Missionary Alphabet." Professor Monier Williams has also thrown his weight into the same scale, and has recently, I perceive, brought out a reprint of the principal documents that have been published for and against the scheme, since it was first mooted in Calcutta in 1834, I believe, by yourself. I am sorry that I

have not met with any of these publications; my ignorance of them, however, enables me to treat the subject independently, from a purely Indian point of view, and with special reference to the objections of persons who are practically conversant with the Indian languages.

The first thing to be done, on entering upon the consideration of this subject, is to satisfy ourselves whether the substitution of the Roman characters for the Indian, supposing it to be possible, would not be in the highest degree desirable and expedient.

I. In endeavouring to make this point quite clear at the outset, the consideration which first claims our attention is the intrinsic superiority of the Roman character to all others.

*a. It is the simplest character in existence.* Its 26 symbols are found to be sufficient for expressing all the consonantal and vowel sounds in the English language, and the addition of a very small number of accents has enabled it to meet the wants of the French, the German, and the Hungarian, the most widely differing systems of sounds in Europe.

*b. It is the distinctest, most legible character in existence.* No amount of practice will ever enable any one to read a florid character like the Persian, or complicated characters like the Déva-Nágarí, the Telugu, and the Singhalese, with the precision and rapidity with which the unadorned Roman character is read by the most ordinary readers.

So legible is it, that the practised eye can take in an entire page of a well printed European book at a glance, so as to have a general idea of the contents; whereas every Arab or Hindú, how well soever he may be acquanted with his own language and with its character, must confess that he cannot take in at a glance more than a few words of any book or MS. at a time, nor be sure of the meaning of a sentence unless he has read every word in it right through.

The Oriental regards as an impossibility the Englishman's ordinary daily achievement of ascertaining the news by merely looking over his newspaper, and gaining a correct general idea of the contents of a book by merely turning over the pages.

The wonderful legibleness of the Roman character, in compari-

son with all others, arises partly from its employment of a few independent, unchangeable characters for the expression of the vowel sounds, instead of a variety of minute signs and points; partly from its preference for straight lines, angles, and unadorned circles and arcs to the flowing tracery and complicated diagrams of oriental alphabets; partly from the circumstance that its letters are of different heights, half of them being on a level with the line and the other half rising a little above it or sinking a little below it, so as to facilitate identification; and partly also from its retention of an older form of the characters for use as capitals.

*c. The Roman character is the compactest in existence.* In no other character can so large a quantity of matter be compressed into so small a compass, without crowding the page or confusing the eye. It is, therefore, of all characters the cheapest for printing

*d. It is politically and geographically the most suitable for universal use, and the only character which has the smallest chance of obtaining this distinction.* It would be absurd to propose that the Malayâlam character should supersede the Gujaráthí, or the Tamil the Bengálí. It would be almost equally unreasonable to propose the substitution of any one character of a class for another of the same class, as the Tamil for the Telugu, or the Bengálí for the Gujaráthí. None of these characters has any claim to be used beyond the limits of the language to which it belongs.

The only characters known in India which possess any such claim are the Hindústání, the Déva-Nágarí, and the Roman.

Of these, the Hindústaní (the Persian slightly modified) is one of the least legible characters in existence, and its sole recommendation, the political supremacy of the Mahommedans, has ceased to exist.

The Déva-Nágarí, the most perfect of the Indian characters, is perhaps also the most legible, though very much less legible than the Roman. Probably also, next to Hindústaní, it is the most widely known. It is little known, however, and less used, in Southern India, even by Bráhmins. In the Telugu, Canarese, and Malayálam countries Sanscrit is written in the characters peculiar to those languages, not in Déva-nágarí. In the Tamil country it is

written in a character called Grantham, a character from which the ordinary Tamil character is an off shoot. It is an error, though a popular error, and one which was recently repeated in the *Friend of India*, that the Déva-nágarí is the parent of all the Indian characters now in use. The various characters that are used in Southern India and Ceylon have only a distant family relation to the Déva-nágarí; being derived, by the process of incessant change, from the characters (preserved in king Asóká's inscriptions) which were in use in ancient India three centuries before the Christian era, and out of which the Déva-nágarí was developed in the North, and the Telugu, the Grantham (or Tamil), the Singhalese, &c. in the South. It is clear, therefore, that the Déva-nágarí cannot make out a claim to be more generally used than it is at present.

On the other hand, the Roman character, though introduced by foreigners, is already more widely known, if it is not used by a larger number of persons, than any other character in India. It is known where the Tamil has never been heard of, and where the Déva-Nágarí has never penetrated. It is used in the administration of justice and in all Government proceedings in every corner of British India, together with Ceylon and Pegu, and in the capitals, at least, of all Protected States. In addition to its great intrinsic merits, it has the advantage of being used by those nations that stand at the head of the world's civilisation. It is the only vehicle in the present age of a liberal education, and the extent to which it is used in any district in India is a measure of the degree in which society has made progress in that district. It is evident, therefore, that as soon as it becomes a practical question whether some one character might not be advantageously substituted for the many that are now in use, it must be admitted that the only character which possesses any claim to this distinction is the Roman.

*e.* It may be added, though it is only a matter of archaiological interest, that the Roman character is the best existing representative of that primitive written character which was used in the West by the ancient Phenicians and Greeks, and in the East by the Buddhists of Behar, and which was probably

the origin of all the alphabetical characters that are now known in the world.

About a year and a half ago I had a conversation with Mr. Hunt, of the American Mission Press in Madras, respecting the introduction of the use of capitals into Tamil printing, and showed him a few of the more ancient forms of the Tamil characters; which seemed to me to be suitable for the purpose in view, inasmuch as they bore the same relation to the Tamil character now in use of greater antiquity and greater simplicity which is borne by the Roman capitals to the smaller type of our books. I endeavoured afterwards to make out in this manner a complete set of suitable capitals; but the further I went the more I felt convinced of the accuracy of the hypothesis (first started by Kopp in 1821) of the Semitic origin of the Indian characters. It appeared to me to be certain, not only that all Indian characters had one and the same origin, but that the oldest form of the Indian characters was nearly identical with the Phenician, which was the origin of, and substantially identical with, the old Roman. (See Weber's Lecture on this subject in his Indische Skizzen, 1857.) If so, I began to think, why stop short half way, by seeking only the advantage of the Tamil people, when by going a little further a great additional advantage to the whole empire might be secured? If we have to go back a thousand years in search of Tamil capitals, which, when they are discovered, are found to differ almost as much from the modern Tamil characters as the Roman do, why not at once go back a thousand years more, and re-introduce the oldest characters of all (or at least, their most faithful existing representatives), and which are by far the best fitted of all for universal use, the Roman characters themselves?

II. The next point which deserves attention is the number and importance of the advantages that might be expected to flow from the use of the Roman character.

Some of those advantages would be realised by Europeans at the very outset, as soon as a few books came to be published in this character, whilst others would remain in abeyance till it came to be generally used by the Natives themselves.

*a. The use of the Roman character would facilitate the study of the Native languages by Europeans.* It would, of course, be

as necessary as ever for Europeans to learn the sounds of the various vernaculars, and this could only be done by listening to and imitating the pronunciation of Natives, but the trouble, perplexity, and delay arising from the assumed necessity of learning intricate native characters would be at an end.

It is true that a man who is thoroughly determined to learn a language will not allow himself to be baffled by any written character, however difficult. An enthusiast will get over the difficulties of the Chinese symbols themselves. But all men are not enthusiasts. It is desirable that all Europeans resident in India—merchants and soldiers, as well as missionaries and civilians, ladies as well as gentlemen—should learn one at least of the vernaculars; but the necessity of overcoming at the outset so considerable a difficulty deters the majority of non-official persons from even making the attempt. Most East Indians also, though they can talk the native languages fluently, are deterred by the difficulty of the character from learning to read, and in consequence, they exert much less influence in the country than they might otherwise do.

The necessity of using the Indian characters is found, however, to retard the progress of even the earnest student. We are constantly told that the native characters may be got up in a few days, and that after that all difficulty is at an end. But is this really so? Why is it then that so few Europeans can read any book or MS. in any of the native languages fluently? Why is it that you might almost count on your little finger the number of Europeans in the Madras Presidency who can *write* with any degree of rapidity in the native characters? The explanation is, that the Indian characters are so complicated and the modes in which the vowels are denoted and affixed to the consonants are so numerous and intricate, that fluent reading and ready writing are really very difficult attainments. I never met with an European who could read any vernacular book fluently at sight (leaving the meaning of what was read out of account) under a couple of years' constant labour and study, and there are some who never acquire this facility at all, but are always obliged to spell their way through a book in private before they can venture to read it in public.

There is also an ulterior disadvantage. Even those who are most fully resolved to learn the vernacular of their district thoroughly, and who complain least of the difficulty of the character, are often deterred by similar difficulties from learning any additional vernacular. Each of the principal languages of India unfortunately possesses a character of its own, and hence, notwithstanding the closeness of the relation subsisting between the Bengálí, the Hindí, the Gujaráthí, and the Maráthí, the principal languages of the Sanscritic family, and in like manner between the Tamil, the Telugu, the Canarese, and the Malayálam, the principal languages of the Drávidian family—a relationship which is so close that one might easily learn the differences between the various languages of the same family, in grammar and use of words, without the aid of a teacher, if one character only were used instead of many, yet the fact is that few Europeans, besides those who are required by the rules of the public service, acquire any acquaintance with more than one of the vernacular tongues. If every Tamil scholar were enabled to read books in the cognate languages, without the trouble of learning a new character, few persons would neglect so easy and interesting a study, and the consequence would be, not only that Tamil scholarship would be much riper, I believe, than it is, but also that every one who wished to make himself useful in his generation would be enabled without difficulty to double or treble his capacity for usefulness.

*b. The use of the Roman character would facilitate native education.* I have just said that foreigners, though they may be well acquainted with the Indian vernaculars, are rarely able to read them fluently, but the same deficiency may generally be noticed amongst the Natives themselves. Natives who are employed in the public service, are enabled, by dint of constant practice, to read with much facility, but the great majority of the people, including the majority even of the schoolmasters, read with much hesitation and difficulty. In the rural districts, a fluent reader is almost as rare as a profound scholar. The accuracy of this statement will be admitted by every missionary who has been brought into contact with the masses, and who has tested the ability to read of those who have asked him for tracts and books. The hesitancy with which

most Natives read is generally attributed to the inferior quality of the education they receive. Doubtless the education communicated in the old, unimproved vernacular schools is defective enough, but considering the length of time the children generally stay in school, they ought at least to master the mechanical art of reading It is a Native proberb that " arithmetic and writing (literally letters, that is, reading and writing) are the two eyes of man." Native arithmetic is undoubtedly well learnt in Native schools, and as the Natives are equally desirous of learning to read fluently, the exceeding rareness of this accomplishment must be owing to the difficulty of their character. Every one who has attentively listened to Native reading and noticed the *class* of mistakes that most frequently occur, will be able to confirm the accuracy of this opinion.

I have had considerable experience myself for many years in the superintendence of vernacular village schools, in the daily instruction of pupils in mission boarding schools, and in the training of schoolmasters and catechists, and so far as my own experience has gone, the ability to read any printed book fluently at sight, without mistakes, has always appeared to me to be one of the rarest of Native acquirements. However clear the style of the book may be, and however familiar the subject, I have found that almost all Natives will commit blunders in reading which similarly taught English people would never commit in reading English.

The perplexity of the Native characters presses still more heavily upon children than upon adults. In examining from month to month the progress made by Native children in learning their letters, the difficulty of the native character has often forced itself upon my attention. To learn any Indian alphabet thoroughly, so as to be able to combine every consonant with every vowel and to know the various combinations of consonants, involves an acquaintance with from 200 to 500 symbols, according to the nature of the alphabet, and is surely the most difficult task to which poor school children are set in any country in the world. So difficult is it, that ere the duller sort of children have learnt their letters, the time is come when they should leave school. At least five per cent. of the pupils in Native schools, not including idiotic children

or truants, fail to get through even the alphabet, which is the *pons asinorum* of Hindú education. Every one has pitied the fate of unfortunate Native children, who are compelled to toil every day from 6 o'clock in the morning at so wearisome a task, but almost every one has fancied that it was impossible to let them off more easily. I believe that the case was not so hopeless as was supposed. Possibly some Europeans, though they admit that the Indian characters are difficult, are not prepared to admit that they are a practical obstacle to education; or at least, they will not make this admission with respect to the character which they have themselves learnt. A person who has succeeded in learning to read Telugu with ease, will not admit that the Telugu character is an obstacle to knowledge, but he is ready enough to cry out about the perplexities of the Tamil or the Malayálam. Vice versâ, one who has overcome the difficulties of the Tamil character professes to find his fetters on the whole a convenience to him rather than otherwise, but he has no mercy on the Telugu, which " goes out of its way," he will say, " to invent difficulties." Every character in India will find apologists in turn. " It is true they are difficult," it will be said, " but the difficulty is unavoidable and is soon got over." People are unwilling that what occupied so much of their own time should be considered as valueless or worse, and wish to impose the same task upon their successors. Perhaps, therefore, the best way to form a fair, impartial estimate of the difficulty of the Native characters, and to judge whether or not they are an obstacle to education, will be to call attention to a character which is unknown on the Continent of India, though as truly Indian in a general sense as any other—I mean the Singhalese.

This character on the whole resembles the Telugu more than any other now used in India, though the mode in which it combines its vowels with its consonants has most resemblance to the Grantham. It is unnecessary to write or print the letters and vowel symbols referred to in the following extract from Lambrick's Singhalese Grammar: the English explanation of their use and meaning will be sufficiently intelligible (?) of itself. Note, that what follows is to be learnt by Native children, as well as by adult foreigners.

SYMBOLS.

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|---|---|---|
| Aelapilla, | Combua. | Raibha. |
| Ispilla, 1st and 2nd | Aeda. | Matransi. |
| Papilla, do. do. | Gahenukitta. | Yangsi. |
| Al, do. do. | Bindu. | Sanyaga. |

Ispilla, Al, and Raibha are written above their letters ; Papilla Aeda, and Matransi are written below their letters.

The others are written on the same line ;—Combua and Sanyaga before their letters ; Aelapilla, Gahenukitta, Bindu, and Yangsi, after their letters.

The first Ispilla is joined to letters that have a tail turned back, the second Ispilla is used with all other letters.

The first Papilla is joined to *k*, &c., the second Papilla is joined with all other letters.

The first Al is joined with all letters that have a tail turned back, the second Al is written with all other letters.

*Use of the Symbols.*

*A* is made long by aelapilla, *u* by gahenukitta; the other three by al. The peculiar vowel is written by adding aeda to *a*.

Aelapilla is the symbol for *a*.
Ispilla is the symbol for *i*, ispilla gaeta for *ì*.
Papilla is the symbol for *u*, papilla paekanea for *ù*.
Combua is the symbol for *e*, combua with al for *é*.

Combua with aelapilla is the symbol for *o*, al added to the aelapilla makes *ò*.

Combua with gahenukitta is the symbal for *au*.
Combua doubled is the symbol for *ei*.

Aeda is the symbol for the peculiar vowel sound ; aeda paekanea makes this vowel long.

Al has two uses : first it lengthens a vowel, secondly when joined to a consonant that has no symbol it suppresses the inherent vowel. (!)

Bindu is properly a substitute for *ò* ; but in common writing it is substituted for all the vowels with al. (!)

Bindu doubled is a symbol for *kh.* (!)

Raibha is the symbol for *r* preceding another consonant.

Matransi is the symbol for *r* following another consonant.

Yangsi is the symbol for *y* following another consonant.

Sanyaga has two powers: first, before the rough linguals it is the sign of the corresponding smooth lingual, also before *w* it stands for *d.* Second, before all other consonants it stands for *a* nasal pronounced slightly. (!)

On studying the above scheme of symbols, with the conflicting rules respecting their position and their double or treble conflicting significations, the apologists of the Déva-nágarí, Telugu, Tamil, and other characters, have an excellent opportunity of forming an unbiassed judgment respecting the merits of the Indian system of writing. If they have not already learnt Singhalese, I have no doubt that they are unanimously of opinion, that it would be unwise to give their sanction to the use of such a character, or to do any thing that would ensure its perpetuation, seeing that it is so evident that it must be an obstacle to education. They will admit at once that it would be a mercy to poor Singhalese children to set them free, if it were possible, from the necessity of getting up these minute, intricate, perplexing rules. "Bradshaw" itself would be a pleasant easy study for children of five years of age in comparison with this alphabetical puzzle! One would almost imagine that it had been the wish of the Singhalese schoolmasters to invent a system of writing which should enable them to keep all the knowledge in the island in their own hands for ever. In forming this judgment of the Singhalese, however, the Indian systems will be found to come under the same condemnation; for, after all, on a careful comparison of each of the Singhalese symbols with its counterpart in Tamil and Telugu, I have not been able to see any essential difference between the system of Ceylon and the systems of Southern India. For example, it is a rule of the Tamil, as well as of the Singhalese, mode of writing, that the symbols which represent the vowels *e* and *ei*, in combination with the consonants, *precede* the consonants to which they belong, though they are pronounced *after* them. Thus "veda" is written in Tamil "*evda,*" though it is pronounced *veda,* and "Veigei,"

the name of the Madura river, is written " Eiveig !" So also, it is a rule of the Tamil, as of the Singhalese, that the vowel *o*, in combination with a consonant, is denoted by the symbols proper to *e* and to long *a*, and that the *e* precedes the consonant and the *a* follows it, though the *o* which they unite to denote is pronounced after it. Thus Kóttei, " a fort," is written " Ekateit !" Surely nothing in Singhalese can be more perplexing than this. I have got accustomed to write " Kóttei" in this extraordinary fashion in Tamil, and feel no difficulty in it now, but I made several mistakes before I succeeded in transliterating the Tamil spelling correctly into English as above. I feel sure that every foreigner learning Tamil, and every Tamil child, would be thankful to be freed from the necessity of writing Ekateit for Kóttei.

Even the Déva-nàgarí is chargeable with this strange anomaly, for though it denotes *o* in a more rational manner, it requires us to write short *i* before the consonants which it ought to follow. Thus " tri," three, is written " itr !"

It is evident, therefore, that if the Singhalese system seems to persons who are conversant only with the Indian systems more perplexing than the Indian ones, it is only because they are less accustomed to it, and in a better condition for forming an impartial estimate of its defects.

It may be concluded, then, that the substitution of the Roman characters for the Indian, supposing it to be possible, would greatly facilitate Native education. It would render it easier for Native children to learn to read, and would thus increase the number of readers and facilitate the diffusion of knowledge, whilst it would also bring the accomplishment of good fluent reading within general reach.

*c. The use of the Roman character throughout India would enable each people to participate in the intellectual advantages enjoyed by its neighbours.* What a calamity would it have been for Europe and the world, if each European nation on emerging from barbarism had adopted a written character of its own ! Each separate character would have formed a wall of separation, by means of which the various nations would have been kept in ignorance of one another and precluded from competing with, and stimulating,

one another in the race of civilisation. The calamity which Europe escaped has unfortunately fallen upon India, the various populations of which, though civilised from a common source, are sundered and isolated not only by differences of language and caste, but by the use of different characters. So long as the country was parcelled out into a multitude of independent political divisions, this evil could not be remedied, but now that a single Government has acquired a position of commanding influence in every part of India, there seems to be no reason why the different nations might not be united together by the use of a single alphabet. If this were done, the various languages belonging to each of the great families being very similar in structure and pronunciation, books and newspapers published in any one language would become more widely diffused in other language districts, and more extensively useful, than at present. Whatever works of genius or results of progress distinguished any one people would speedily become the common property of the race, and the empire would learn to feel itself to be one. The Roman character being in general use, the study of the English language would necessarily be popularised, and it might reasonably be expected—it might, at least, reasonably be hoped—that the gulph which now separates the Eastern mind from the Western would by degrees be bridged across. The adoption by the East of the literary symbols of the West would be at least a step towards union, and a sign of the deeper union which is desired.

*d. If the Roman character were in general use books might be printed at a greatly reduced cost.* This advantage would necessarily appear last in the order of time; it would not take effect till the change became universal or at least very general; but it must be admitted to be an advantage of great national importance.

The various Indian characters occupy much more space than the Roman, and their twirls and ornaments, together with the clumsy mode of combining consonants which prevails in many of them, viz., tying them up one within the other in a bundle, instead of placing them one after the other in the order of their pronunciation, render it necessary that the lines should be kept far apart. Some of the Indian characters have been a good deal compressed already by the

ingenuity of foreign printers, but they cannot be compressed any further without seriously endangering legibility.

Supposing the Roman characters to have come into general use, every variety of English type, down to the smallest, would be immediately available for printing vernacular books; and cheapness and legibility, instead of being antagonistic qualities, as at present, would go hand in hand.

One advantage of the change would be that printers would be able to introduce all English improvements, to give their books a more inviting appearance, and to suit the taste of the public, or rather, to create a taste, by the use of a greater variety of styles than is practicable at present. Another advantage, and a still more important one in a populous, poor country like India, would be that it would cheapen printing to an enormous extent. The difference in size and price between English books and books printed in the vernaculars is chiefly owing to the difference of type. The best means of forming an accurate comparative estimate will be to take some book which has been translated as closely as possible from English into one of the vernacular tongues, and to compare its price in the two languages. Compare, for instance, the English Bible with the Tamil Bible. I recently received a grant from the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society of several hundreds of copies of their "Jubilee edition" of the Tamil Bible. This Bible is one of the clearest, neatest, compactest, cheapest specimens of Tamil typography which I have yet seen, and we are indebted for it, as for almost all improvements in Tamil printing, to Mr. Hunt of the American Mission Press. This Bible, which is one of Mr. Hunt's triumphs, is of the size of an English "Family Bible," weighs five pounds, and its price to non-subscribers, which is, I presume under, rather than over, its cost price is Rs. 4-12 or Sh. 9-6. At the same time, and from the same Society, I received a grant of some copies of the English Bible, so that I was naturally led to draw a comparison between them. The edition of the English Bible which was sent to me was published for distribution amongst the labouring classes in England, and seems to me to be printed in a sufficiently clear type, and to be neatly enough got up, for general use in schools in this country. It is too large to be called a "pocket Bible," and would be just the size for general use among Hindú

christians, who are not accustomed to wear pockets. It weighs one pound, a fifth of the weight of its Tamil translation, and its title, "the ten-penny Bible," tells its own tale respecting the difference in price.

The size and costliness of all vernacular books form an incalculable hindrance to their circulation and general use, and place the purchase of them beyond the reach of the majority of Hindú readers. The necessaries of life being six times as cheap in India as in England, and skilled labour (such as is procurable) being cheap in proportion, books also ought to be six times as cheap; whereas, instead of being six times cheaper, they are at least ten times as dear. The necessity of using certain English materials may partly account for this, but the greater part of the extra expense must be placed to the account of the Indian characters. If this expensive character could be got rid of, the greater cheapness and portableness of printed books would stimulate the literary appetite of the people, facilitate all efforts to enlighten and elevate them, and probably lead to results of immense importance in the hidden future.

I do not contend that the substitution of the Roman characters for the Indian would, all at once, and in all cases, make vernacular works as cheap as English ones. In printing works in the Drávidian languages, in which many of the words consist of long strings of particles agglutinated together, more types would have to be set up, more space would be occupied, and more paper would be required, than if the same quantity of thought had to be printed in English. The difference, as respects books translated from English, would amount to an addition of nearly three-fourths more matter; that is, a page of English turned into Tamil, even if the Roman characters were used, would occupy about a page and three-quarters. Original Tamil compositions, however, would not, or at least need not, occupy more space than English, for the lengthiness of the Tamil words has taught all writers who wish to be regarded as classical to cultivate a highly condensed style. Even supposing, however, that Tamil works printed in the Roman character were to cost twice as much as English and to reach twice the size, which is considerably beyond a fair estimate, the gain to Indian purses and the stimulus to Indian minds, would still be very great.

It is admitted that this particular result, the cheapening of vernacular literature, would not take effect till the Roman characters came into very general use, and as the force of custom in this old conservative country is prodigiously great, the most sanguine reformer will have to make up his mind to wait a considerable time. My argument, however, will not be weakened by the probability of delay. I only ask it to be supposed, that somehow, at some period or another, the change has been effected, and I argue that the consequence of the change would be, that books would become cheaper, that readers would become more numerous, and that the native mind would receive a stimulus of incalculable force. Is not this deduction a valid one? If it is a valid deduction, then however difficult the change may be, and however long the difficulty may continue to be felt, it is evident that it is one of those difficult achievements which are worth working for.

Most persons who are opposed to the change here advocated are ready to admit its desirableness in the abstract. Their position is, that it is surrounded with difficulties, and, in short, that it is impracticable. If so, it might be thought that I need not have troubled myself to prove the superiority of the Roman character and the advantages that would flow from its adoption, but should have confined myself to proving the practicability of the scheme. It seemed desirable, however, to show the exceeding strength of the argument from expediency before proceeding farther. Let it be admitted, as I think it will be, that the change would be in the highest degree desirable and expedient, if only it were practicable, and it must then also be admitted, that nothing short of the clearest proof of its impossibility should deter us from making the attempt.

III. I proceed to consider various objections to the plan which have been mentioned to me, and which have been supposed to prove it to be impracticable, reserving to the last the strongest objection of all (I think I may style it the only objection of any real strength), the alleged inadequacy of the Roman character to express the sounds of the Indian languages.

*a. It is objected that, even if the change be not impracticable in itself, it is impracticable now.* It might perhaps have been possible, it is said, to express all the languages of India in the Roman cha-

racter, if other characters had not already pre-occupied the ground. We have to deal with a people, it is said, who have had a literature of their own and characters of their own for thousands of years, and what instance is there on record of such a people having been induced to change their written characters? Besides, ever since the arrival of the English in India we have been using those characters ourselves, printing books in them, and doing what we could to ensure their perpetuation. I do not underrate this difficulty; we have doubtless allowed the best time for making such a change to pass by; but if the advantages of the plan are so great as they have been shown to be, and if there is no inherent impracticability, we ought even now to make the attempt. "Better late than never."

As regards the use of the Indian characters by Europeans, the difficulty arising from *their* attachment to custom cannot be supposed to render the change impossible. Even if all the Europeans now in India who have learnt the Native characters should decline to abandon as useless an acquirement which cost them so much trouble, every new arrival would be delighted to find his difficulties diminished. A generation of the English in India arrives and disappears, sad to say, in so short a period, that supposing only that all newly arrived Europeans were willing to adopt the change, it would come into almost universal use amongst the governing race in ten years.

Then also, as regards the Natives, though the change, on the most sanguine calculation, would take a considerable time—possibly it might never become absolutely universal—yet there are certain classes of Natives amongst whom it might make its way as rapidly as amongst newly arrived Europeans. I refer to the Native youth in government and missionary schools, and schools which are supported by Natives but conducted by Europeans. As those who are boys now will be the men of the next generation, and as the most influential Natives are those who have received their education in such schools, it is evident that it is only for Europeans to will it, and the only Natives of the next generation who are likely to possess any influence will have adopted the change. It was only last week that I saw in the papers that the

use of the Roman character had been introduced into all public schools in the Benares district. Let the same course be adopted elsewhere, and final success is sure.

A considerable proportion of the difficulty which exists, and which is alleged as a reason for regarding the change as impracticable now, is a difficulty which is being created by ourselves, and which we can put an end to whenever we think fit. Year by year we are labouring for the extension of education, and undoubtedly education is extending; but seeing that the whole of the vernacular instruction that we communicate to native youth, at least in this part of India, is still conveyed to them through the medium of the Native characters, by perpetuating those characters, we are perpetuating obstacles to education.

In some parts of India we are going further even than this, for we are introducing the Native characters where they were previously unknown. We are endeavouring to civilise and educate wild hill tribes who never had any written character before, and where languages are widely different from those that are spoken in the adjacent plains, and yet, instead of taking the opportunity of teaching them our own simple characters from the outset, we are puzzling their brains and giving them a distaste for education, by setting them to learn the complicated characters invented by their subtle Hindú neighbours. Thus, we are teaching the Bengálí character to the Sántáls of the Rajmahal range, who speak a Kôl language, and the Malar, or "hill people," of the same range, who speak a Dravidian language. We are teaching the Uriya character to the Khonds of Goomsoor, and the Nágarí to the Gonds of the Nerbudda, both Dravidian tribes; and the aborigines of the Nilgherries, peculiar Dravidian tribes, are being taught the Tamil and Canarese characters. In these instances we appear to be going out of our way to invent difficulties which must afterwards be removed.

Perhaps the best argument in proof of the practicability, even now, at this late period of Indian history, of substituting one set of characters for many, is the fact of a similar substitution having already been made. *The numeral characters of Europe have recently been substituted for the numeral characters of India, and are now rapidly winning their way to universal use.* I am aware that strictly

speaking those characters are not European : we borrowed them from the Arabs, and the Arabs from the Hindús ; but so many changes have been made in their shape during the lapse of ages, on the one hand by Europeans and on the other by the Hindús themselves, that there is now not much more resemblance between the Indian ciphers, as used by Hindús, and their European equivalents, than there is between the alphabetical characters of India and those of Europe. In the Tamil country, the ancient shapes of the ciphers were more completely lost than elsewhere, and even decimal notation, though a Hindú invention, had been completely forgotten. In consequence of this, the old Indian numeral ciphers that were re-introduced from Europe were universally called "the English numerals," and the old Indian system of notation was called "the English mode of arithmetic." In this instance, as truly as in that of the alphabetical characters of India, the ground had been pre-occupied for ages ; but notwithstanding this, Government came to the conclusion that it was expedient that the English cipher and the English modes of calculation should alone be used in all public accounts. It had been the custom that the public accounts should be made out first in the vernacular of the district, then translated into Maráthí for the benefit of the Sheristadars, (who were always Maratha Brahmans, because none but Maratha Brahmans could understand the Maratha accounts,) and then finally translated into English for the information of Government. But no sooner did Government determine that this round-about system should cease, and that the English cipher and English modes of calculation should be used from first to last, than the change was successfully accomplished. The substitution was carried into effect at a word, and now all Government officials, down to the Curnums of the villages, nor they only, but even the poorest peasant children in our schools (in this neighbourhood, at least, and I presume elsewhere,) are daily using "the English cipher."

It is true that at present every Native boy learns the Native numerals, as well as the English, but this double trouble will cease of itself in due time, when it is practically found to be un necessary.

Here, then, is an instance, in point, of a substitution of one character for many, such as is here advocated, having actually taken place: and if we have succeeded in introducing our ten numeral characters into general use, is it quite clearly an impracticable task, even at this late period, to aim at obtaining similar currency for our 26 alphabetical characters? It may fairly be argued that it will take a considerably longer time, but surely we should cease to be told that the thing is impracticable.

*b. It is objected, that if the Roman character were introduced, there would be many different systems of applying it to the Indian languages, the result of which would be confusion worse confounded.* It would be necessary to make use of accents and diacritical points for the purpose of distinguishing long vowels from short ones, and denoting certain peculiar Indian consonants. Every person, it is said, would have a diacritical system of his own, and in the end it would be found, that documents could be deciphered only by the person who wrote them.

I admit the existence of this danger, though not its alleged amount; but a danger which, when foreseen, may be guarded against by a little consideration, is a very different thing from an insuperable obstacle. It is often necessary even at present to represent Indian words by means of English characters. Passages from the poets, dicta from the law books, peculiar Native expressions on which some dispute hinges, require sometimes to be transliterated, and not merely translated. It is still more frequently necessary to write in Roman characters the names of persons, places, books, &c., together with revenue and administrative terms. As the propriety of adhering to a system is not at present practically felt, and as some of the details of the Roman system are still unsettled, persons who find it necessary to transliterate Indian words are generally accustomed to do so according to their own taste and fancy. Thus, in the last Report of the Madras Bible Society one writer calls the sacred books of the Hindùs *Vedas*, another *Vathems*. In a catalogue of books sold at the Government Book Depots which has just been published, the Sanscrit word for "morals" is written in one place *neethi*, in another *niti*. But the most extraordinary specimens of optional spelling which I have

yet met with are to be found in the large government maps of India. In that part of the map which includes the district of Tinnevelly, the Tamil word for "tank," a simple dissyllable, is written in thirteen different ways! Though there is much confusion at present, owing to the absence of an authorised system, it by no means follows that this confusion would continue after a system had been fully considered and definitively introduced, and people generally had become aware of the existence of the system.

Even at present, there is no difference of importance amongst Orientalists respecting the way in which Indian words should be written. As regards the letters by which the Indian vowels should be represented, which is the most important point of all, English, German, and French Orientalists are now perfectly agreed. The points respecting which differences of system still exist are of small moment and might easily be settled. Still I fully admit that they require consideration, for any attempt to introduce into general use a system which had not been thoroughly thought out and digested in all its details, would probably end in failure and throw the scheme back another 30 years.

I will refer hereafter to minor details, but I may here mention some general principles which will require to be considered. (1) A system which takes the Sanskrit alone into account and contents itself with meeting the wants of the Sanskrit, will not suit the purpose in view, which is to apply the Roman character to all the languages of India. The wants of the Hindústánì and of the Dravidian languages will also have to be provided for. For instance, Sanskrit is destitute of the short sounds of *e* and *o*. Consequently Sanskrit scholars, who distinguish the other long vowels by accents, leave these two long vowels without any distinguishing sign. This would, however, introduce confusion into the Dravidian languages, which have short forms of *e* and *o*, as well as long. It will be necessary, therefore, to deal with the Indian languages as a whole, in order that there may be but one system in use everywhere, and also to study separately the peculiar necessities of each of the Indian languages, in order that the peculiarities of each may be taken into account in the general arrangement. (2). Another difficulty which must be taken into consideration re-

lates to the use of accents and diacritical points in *cursive* writing. Such devices may succeed very well in printed books, but are they equally suitable for manuscripts? or can a system be invented which shall equally suit both purposes? The cursive character must run, or else it is not "cursive," but running will be precluded, if people are obliged to stop too frequently to add on accents and dots. There is some danger lest the only thing that is considered is what is suitable for printing. For this reason Prof. Monier Williams' plan (see his Sanskrit Grammar) of distinguishing the nasal of the guttural row (our English *ng*) by *n* with a dot *on one side of it*, appears to be inadmissible. (3.) The Germans seem to claim a national right to transliterate the Indian *y* by *j*, in consequence of which they are driven to represent the sound of *j* by *g*. In like manner, being accustomed to give a sound of their own to *ch*, they transliterate the Indian palatal *ch* by *k*. Seeing, however, that the English have a special interest in the matter, and that we are consulting not for ourselves only but for the Hindús, to whom English is the language of civilisation, we may at once, I think, determine to keep to our own usage in these points. We must yield up to the Germans and the rest of the world (indeed we have already yielded) our peculiar English mode of pronouncing the vowels; but the consonants stand on a different footing.

With respect to these and similar matters, down to the minutest points of detail, we must see that every thing is duly considered before a commencement is made. Uniformity of plan is a necessary condition of success, and *this uniformity can be secured by the action of Government alone.* Considering that there are so many different languages and characters in India, so many different races and communities, and so many presidencies and protected states, it appears to me that in this matter, as in the introduction of the English numerals, Government must take the initiative.

*c. It has been objected that the Roman characters are greatly inferior to the Indian in precision, seeing that each Indian character represents only one sound, whereas each Roman character represents many.* It is admitted in reply, that there is a considerable difference in European tongues, particularly in the English and the French, between the spelling of words and their pronunciation,

though it does not follow that this defect is owing to the character. Even if it were owing to this, however, the superiority of the Indian characters to the Roman would not thereby be established, for the Indian characters also are used with a considerable latitude of pronunciation. It is commonly said that each Indian character has only one sound, that when once that sound has been learnt it must invariably be adhered to, and that every word is pronounced precisely as it is written; but there is a good deal of exaggeration in all this eulogy. In Tamil, at least, every letter has as wide a margin of sound as in any European tongue.

The Tamil letter *t* has three sounds, and the proper place for each sound can be learnt only by practice. At the beginning of a word and when doubled, it is pronounced as *t*—more softly, however, than the English *t;* after a nasal it is pronounced as *d;* and in the middle of a word, when followed by a vowel, it takes the sound of the soft English *th* in "than." Only one character is employed, and yet the least violation of these rules grates unpleasantly on the Native ear. If the Roman *t* were substituted for the Tamil one, it does not appear to me that the difficulty which now exists would be in the least increased.

The same latitude of pronunciation characterises the greater number of the Tamil consonants. The vowels also have at least as many different shades of pronunciation as the English vowels. In pronouncing the vowel *a*, for instance there are four distinct modes of pronunciation, each of which characterises certain classes of words. In like manner, every Tamil vowel, long or short, might be shown to have two or three different pronunciations, which are in reality so many diphthongs. They are not distinguished however from one another by any difference of character, nor is any notice taken of them in Native grammars, though the intelligibleness of what is spoken depends in a great degree upon the accurate observance of these differences.

The objection which I am now discussing has really no validity at all, for whatever be the latitude with which particular letters are pronounced in the European languages, they will have that latitude only in the Indian languages which their Indian equivalents have already. In this respect the substitution of the one charac-

ter for the other will leave matters precisely as it found them. If the Indian *k*, *t* or *l*, or the Indian *a*, *i*, or *e*, happens to be pronounced in one way only, the Roman *k*, *t*, and *l*, and the Roman *a*, *i*, and *e* will in like manner have only one sound each. If the Indian characters represent, as they sometimes do, several different sounds, it will simply be necessary to pronounce the corresponding Roman characters in each of those different ways, as the usage of the language may require. No existing advantage, therefore, will in reality be forfeited, whilst, as was previously shown, many will be gained by the use of the Roman character.

I may here add that the danger to the acquisition of a correct pronunciation of the Native languages arising from the use of the Roman character seems to be equally unreal. It is quite true that the English characters will naturally in the first instance suggest to the beginner their corresponding English sounds, but this is a danger to which every person who commences to learn a new language by book is exposed. The Englishman learning to read French, the Frenchman learning to read German, the German learning to read Hungarian, is constantly liable to pronounce old familiar letters in the old familiar manner. It will always be necessary to learn pronunciation by the ear, not by the eye. But whilst I admit that learners may be tempted to pronounce the Roman characters not in the Indian but in the European manner, I ask are not the Indian characters themselves pronounced at first in the European manner by every learner? As soon as the learner discovers that such and such Indian characters are the equivalents of such and such European ones, he forthwith supposes that the sounds also must be identical. It is only after many errors that he learns that, whatever the literary symbols of a language may be, the sounds of the language are to be learnt exclusively from the speech of the people.

*d. The last objection, and the most serious is, that there are sounds in the Indian languages for which the Roman character has no equivalent letters.* This is undoubtedly a valid objection, so far as it goes, and there are many persons who would give in their adhesion to the scheme, if only they thought that this difficulty could be satisfactorily disposed of. Supposing it to be prac-

ticable, they are ready to admit all the advantages that have been attributed to it, and to abandon all the objections that have been hitherto mentioned as invalid; but they are persuaded of the inadequacy of the Roman character to the expression of the Indian sounds, and on this ground they reject it as impracticable.

Until lately I held this view myself, but, like most other people, I presume, without examination. A few years ago, however, I found it necessary, in preparing for the Press a Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian languages, to represent a great many words belonging to those languages and some Sanskrit ones in the Roman character, for the sake of facilitating comparison and keeping down expense. I had no intention of experimenting upon the adequacy of the Roman character for the purpose in view, and some of the details of the system which I pursued were not thoroughly satisfactory; but I did the best I could under the circumstances, and as I went on I was gratified to find that the use of the Roman character was much more feasible than I had supposed. I met with no difficulty that appeared to be insuperable, and such difficulties as I did meet with were wholly owing to the absence of an authorised system.

Let us see then whether the alleged impracticability of the scheme will hold its ground when carefully examined. I will endeavour to show, first, that the majority of the Indian sounds can be expressed by the Roman characters without any change whatever, and then, that the Roman character can be enabled to express the remainder by the help of a very small number of accents and points. In doing so, I will endeavour to help forward the definitive settlement of details, a point of great importance, by giving the particulars of the plan which now commends itself most to my own mind.

(1.) The number of letters in the Indian languages which cannot be transliterated, just as they stand, without the addition of any accents or points, is in reality very small, and the number of such letters is smaller in some languages than in others.

The following vowels and consonants of the Déva-Nágarí alphabet, and of the alphabets which follow the same arrangement, can

be represented by the Roman characters quite as easily as by the Indian.

I adhere to the order of the Déva-Nágarí.

VOWELS.

*Short Vowels*, a, i, u, e, o.
*Diphthongs*, ai (or ei), au.

CONSONANTS.

*Gutturals*, k, kh, g, gh.
*Palatals*, c, ch, j, jh.
*Dentals*, t, th, d, dh, n.
*Labials*, p, ph, b, bh, m.
*Semi-vowels*, y, r, l, v.
*Sibilants*,—sh, s.
*Aspirate*, h.

On examining the above list, it will be seen that I have transliterated one consonant, with its aspirate, somewhat differently from the usual mode. The first consonant of the palatal row is generally represented by *ch* and its aspirate by *chh*. I have preferred *c* and *ch*. This change seems desirable partly for the sake of the Sanskrit itself, in which *ch* is a purely palatal letter, without any admixture of an aspirate, and therefore unaptly transliterated by a compound letter with an *h* in it (besides which the aspirate *chh* is particularly awkward), but chiefly for the sake of the Tamil, which uses its own *ch* as the representative of all palatal and nearly all sibilant sounds. The Tamil borrows occasionally Grantham letters for expressing the strong sibilants *sh* and *s* when they occur in Sanskrit words, but it always uses its own *ch* for "the *ś* of Siva" (and sometimes for *s*), as well as for *ch*, *chh*, *j*, *jh*.

This Tamil letter, when single, has a sound midway between *ś* and *ch*, but when doubled has exactly the sound of the English and Deva-nagari *ch*. It is fortunate for the Deva-nagari *ch* that it is rarely doubled; but the Tamil *ch* is doubled very frequently, and if it were represented by the Roman *ch*, we should meet the barbarous combination, *chch*, in almost every line. We should thus also be wasting two *h's* on a compound which has no aspirate in it, and that

in a language which possesses no aspirate whatever. For these reasons it appears to me that *ch* may best be transliterated by *c*, a letter of which no other use has been, or can be, made in the Indian languages, and which, therefore, can be used for this purpose without any danger of misapprehension. On this plan, the Sanskrit *c* and *ch* would correspond symmetrically to *j* and *jh*, and the awkward compound *chch* would be replaced in Tamil by *cc*.

Whether this suggestion be finally adopted or not, neither *c* nor *ch* requires the help of any diacritical point. For this reason I think the French *cedilla c* less suitable.

It will be observed that I have adopted the English *sh* as the representative of the peculiar Sanskrit "*s* of Vishnu", which is sometimes represented by *ṣh*, and the English *s* as the representative of the Sanskrit *s*. It is therefore, only the first of the three sibilants, the "*s* of Siva," which will require some distinguishing sign.

(2.) We now come to those Indian sounds or characters which cannot be represented by the Roman character without the aid of accents or points. It will be seen that characters of this class are not numerous, and that they can be provided for by the use of two, or at the utmost three, distinguishing signs.

(*a.*) The first set of sounds requiring our consideration are the long vowels. The necessity of distinguishing long vowels from short in each of the Indian languages cannot be disputed. This is a necessity to which the Roman character must bend. All that is required, however, to meet this necessity is to mark every long vowel with an accent. It will then be understood that every accented vowel is long, every unaccented one short. The sign used for this purpose may either be the sign of the acute accent, as *á* or that of the circumflex, as *â*, or the ordinary prosodial sign of length, as *ā*. This point should be settled by practical printers. For cursive writing, I suspect it will be found that the last of the three signs, the simple horizontal line, is the easiest.

The only condition for which I would stipulate is, that the accent or sign by which a vowel is made long shall not be used for any other purpose. This appears to me to be a fatal objection to

Prof. Monier Williams' use of the acute accent as the sign, not only of long vowels, but of the first *s* of the Sanskrit sibilants, e. g. *dar'si.* A dot over the *s* and a horizontal line or acute accent over the *i* would involve no perplexity.

The Sanskrit vowels *ri* and *rí*, the vowel *lri*, which is found in only one word in the language, and *lrî*, which never occurs at all, may safely be dispensed with. The difference between the so called vowel *ri*, and the syllable which is composed of consonantal *r* and *i* is more a fanciful than a real one, and so far as it is real, it consists merely in a slight peculiarity in the pronunciation of *i* after *r* in certain words. It does not appear to me that any distinguishing sign is required; the ordinary characters *r* and *i* will suffice. Williams distinguishes this vowel *r* by a dot underneath. The abandonment of the dot in this connection will enable us to represent in this manner one of the peculiar *r*'s of the south Indian languages.

Thus, the help of a single simple, unmistakeable sign enables the Roman character to express each of the vowel sounds of the Indian languages. Certainly none of the Indian systems can vie with this in simplicity. In Tamil alone there are 17 different signs of length employed for distinguishing the long forms of the five simple vowels!

(*b.*) The second class of sounds for which the Roman alphabet requires to make some special provision, is that of the "cerebral" or lingual sounds. These are the *t*, *th*, *d*, *dh* and *n* of the third row of Sanskrit consonants, with the corresponding letters in the other Indian alphabets, to which I would add the peculiar *l* or *rl* of the Vedas and the Dravidian languages, and the harsh lingual *r* of the same family of tongues.

The six lingual consonants differ from the dentals, the consonants of the next row, only by a certain peculiarity of pronunciation. The most natural way of distinguishing them from the dentals would be by adding to them some distinguishing mark, and this distinguishing mark should be affixed in the same way to them all. Instead of adopting some such plan as this, the Indian alphabets use two totally distinct sets of characters, thereby in-

creasing the number and complexity of the alphabetical symbols without any necessity.

The method of distinguishing the corresponding lingual sounds of the Ostiak adopted by Castrén, was to append to the ordinary Russian character a little hook or tail. Sir W. Jones distinguished these letters by an acute accent affixed to one side, e. g. *t'a*. The method generally adopted of late is that of placing a dot *underneath*, which seems to be the easiest and best method of accomplishing the object in view; and if, as I propose, no other dots or marks are placed beneath the lines except those which denote lingual letters, no practical difficulty can arise.

I have added to this list of letters dotted underneath the hard lingual *r* of the Dravidian languages. I distinguished this in my Comparative Grammar by the large *R*, but this plan would preclude the use of the character as the capital of the ordinary *r*. Mr. R. Anderson denoted it by a double *r*, but this would lead to confusion, and would render it necessary to represent the doubled form of this character, which is very common in Tamil, by *rrrr*! As the sound of this *r* bears nearly the same relation to the ordinary semi-vowel *r* that the lingual *t* does to the dental, being originated by a peculiar twirl of the tongue, it appears to me that the best plan will be to class it at once amongst the linguals, and to distinguish it like them, by a dot *underneath*.

(*c*). The Tamil and Malayalam have a deep lingual *r* to which I should here refer. This is pronounced in some districts like *zh* or *rzh*, in others exactly like the lingual *l*, but the most classical pronunciation of it closely resembles the sound of *r* in the English word, "tar." I regard it therefore as a species of *r*. It has been suggested that *z*, having no place in the Indian alphabets, might be used for this purpose. Z, however, will be required for Hindustani. The ordinary Roman *r* being required for the equivalent Indian letter, I propose that this peculiar South Indian *r* be represented by *ṙ*, with a dot *above*.

(*d*). We now come to the nasals, including *Anuswàra*, a class of sounds which involve more difficulty than any others.

The consonantal nasals *ṇ*, *n*, and *m* present no difficulty; the

difficulty relates to the first two consonantal nasals, which are commonly transliterated by *ng* and *nj*, and to *Anuswàra*.

(*a*). I begin with *Anuswàra*. This is the character which in Sanskrit, and in all other Indian alphabets except the Tamil, is used in certain conjunctions as the common representative of *all* nasal sounds. It is sounded like *ng* before gutturals, like *nj* before palatals, like *ṇ* before linguals, like *n* before dentals, like *m* before labials and at the end of certain words; and before *h*, where it is most appropriately used, its sound is nearly that of *ng*.

In reality this character is not at all required, the great latitude of sound which is accorded to it perplexes, instead of simplifying the alphabet, and each of its sounds might with great advantage be represented by the consonantal nasal which is equivalent to it. The substitution for it of the consonantal nasals is indeed to a certain extent optional in all the Indian alphabets, and what is optional in other languages is the rule in Tamil. The Tamil rejects *Anuswàra* altogether, using the consonantal nasals instead, and gets on perfectly well without it. The *best* course would, I have no doubt, be to follow the example of the Tamil in this matter; as however the scheme now advocated is that of substituting the Roman *characters* for the Indian, leaving Indian modes of spelling untouched, the second best course is to provide a representative for *Anuswàra*, which shall be used with the same latitude until people learn to lay it aside. As we are not allowed to change about from *n* to *m* as circumstances seem to require, but must keep to the same letter throughout, it appears to me that *ṁ* is the most suitable character to be used, to be distinguished from the consonantal *m* by a dot *above*. People will learn in time to lay aside the dot where it is not required, as at the end of neuter nouns.

(*b*). The nasal of the guttural row of consonants which is pronounced like *ng* in English may best, I think, be transliterated by ṅ with a dot above. This is the best representative of the *Anuswàra* before each *h* and of the obscure final *Anuswàra* of Hindì words. In those instances people will naturally prefer *ṅ* to *ṁ*, and that will help forward the abandonment of *ṁ*. The objection to

the use of the English *ng* as the representative of the guttural nasal is that it is a double consonant. The *n* alone will be found to be quite sufficient, with the addition of a dot, seeing that it will always be followed, except in a very small number of instances in Tamil, either by *k* or by *g*. Even the dot, indeed, may be dispensed with in time.

(*c*). The nasal of the palatal row which includes *c* and *j* has commonly been represented by *nj* or *jn*. The use of double letters, however, for transliterating single ones is objectionable. This sound must be represented by *n*; the only question is, how is this *n* to be distinguished from others ?

The Germans sometimes represent it by *m* with the addition of the Spanish nasal sign, sometimes by *n* with the same addition, sometimes simply by *n*. Where this letter is followed by *ch* or *j*, *n* alone might suffice, but it will require some distinguishing mark when it is used, as in sometimes is in the South, as an initial. I therefore suggest the use of the Spanish nasal sign with *n*, e, g, *ñ*.

This will only be required, however, when it is initial. I fully anticipate, indeed, that in due time people will lay aside the greater number of these marks and dots, when they find that they can be dispensed with, as I believe they often may, without inconvenience; *n* alone will be found sufficient in time for every nasal except *m*. In cursive writing, and even in print, a horizontal line over the *n*, e. g. *n̄*, will sufficiently represent the Spanish nasal sign.

(*d*.) The half *Anuswára* of the Telugu does not appear to require any written sign. The *Anuswàra* itself may be used instead of it by those who wish.

(*e*.) The only letter that still requires to be provided for is the first of the three sibilants of the Déva-nágarí. For this I would propose *s* with a dot *above*. The dot below is reserved for linguals, the dot above is therefore the best sign for those few other letters that require a distinguishing mark.

*Visarga* is quite sufficiently represented by a final *h; ardhákára* by the English apostrophe.

The apostrophe will also be generally useful, in languages in which *sandhi* prevails, as the sign of elision.

NOTE.—It is desirable to make an observation or two here with respect to the application of the Roman letters to Tamil. The Tamil wholly rejects the aspirated consonants of the Sanskrit, together with the separate aspirate *h;* it rejects *Anuswára,* and in the classical dialect it ignores *ṡ, sh* and *s;* but the chief peculiarity of its system is, that it rejects all the sonant or soft consonants of the Sanskrit and the other alphabets, and uses only the hard consonants or surds. Acting on this principle it rejects *g, j, ḍ, d* and *b.* These letters, therefore, will not be required in the Tamil country, except in words belonging to Sanskrit or to any foreign language which are quoted as foreign.

Whilst the Tamil rejects the characters referred to, it does not reject the sounds which they denote, *k* is pronounced as *g* when it occurs singly in the middle of a word or after a nasal, as *k* at the beginning of a word and when doubled, and a similar rule applies to the other letters.

As this peculiar arrangement is not an arbitrary one, but one which springs from a law of sound that is characteristic of the language, it cannot safely be set aside on the introduction of the Roman character. For some time, at least, each Tamil consonant must be transliterated exactly as it stands, irrespective of the sound it receives. Whenever the Tamil *k* occurs, it must be transliterated by the Roman *k,* and it must be left to the Tamil ear, as it may safely be left, to pronounce it soft, as *g* or *gh,* where it is so required. If this rule is not attended to, the popularisation amongst the Natives of the use of the Roman character will be seriously impeded.

For similar reasons, wherever the Tamil uses certain characters as the symbols of peculiar compound sounds, the exact equivalents of those characters should be used in transliteration, and no attempt should be made to produce the same result by means of any English combinations of letters. Thus, as the Tamil uses *n* and the harsh lingual *ṛ* as the symbol of the sound *ndr,* and double *ṛ* as the symbol of a sound resembling *ttr,* we must be content with imitating the Tamil in this and transliterating those letters just as they stand. It will simply be necessary to explain to learners, as hitherto, how those combinations are to be pronounced.

We have now gone over the entire ground, in so far as the peculiarities of the purely Indian alphabets are concerned, and it is my impression that we have not met with any insuperable difficulty. If the change is impracticable, at all events the impracticability does not appear to consist in the impossibility of adapting the Roman characters to the Indian sounds.

The following view of the whole of the proposed modifications will show how few and easy they are, and how little trouble is involved in the plan.

### Proposed Indo-Roman Alphabet.*

#### Vowels.

a, á; i, í; u, ú; e, é; ai (or ei); o, ó; au.

*Anuswara* ṁ (or ṅ). *Visarga* h.

#### Consonants.

Gutturals, k, kh; g, gh; ṅ.
Palatals, c, ch; j, jh; ñ or n̄.
Linguals, ṭ, ṭh; ḍ, ḍh; ṇ.
Dentals, t, th; d, dh; n.
Labials, p, ph; b, bh; m.
Semi-vowels, y, r, l, v.
Dravidian do, ṙ, ṛ, ḷ.
Sibilants, ṡ, sh, s.
Aspirate, h.

A very important advantage, as it appears to me, of the scheme exhibited above, is its simplicity. If it should be modified on further consideration, I trust it will only be for the purpose of making it more simple still. An accent to distinguish the long vowels and a dot variously placed for distinguishing peculiar consonants, cannot cause perplexity, and ought to be made to suffice. There are doubtless a few points of detail which require to be more fully

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* Note.—Should the English *names* of the Roman characters be introduced, e. g. *ay*, *bee*, *aitch*, *el*, &c.? By no means. The characters themselves stand upon a different footing from the names which happen to be given to them in England. The Indian modes of denominating the letters are better than the English.

considered, especially with reference to the necessities of rapid manuscript writing, but I do not think that any difficulty even in details will be met with, which might not easily be settled by persons acquainted with the subject.

I may here add that the plan of modifying foreign characters to enable them to express the sounds of the Indian languages is not a novelty, as appears sometimes to be supposed The experiment has already been tried with a character considerably inferior to the Roman, and the result of the experiment is the character in which Hindustani is generally written. What is that character but Persian (originally Arabic), with the addition of certain symbols found to be necessary for denoting peculiar Indian sounds? It is not alleged that the Persian character cannot be applied to the Indian languages, or that its substitution, with certain modifications, is impracticable. The possibility of doing it has been proved by the fact of its having been done. *Solvitur ambulando.* It is only the substitution of the Roman characters for the Indian that is now regarded as impossible; and yet every one must admit, on the least consideration, both that the Roman character is preferable in itself to the Persian, and that the modifications of the Persian which constitute Hindustani are far less easy, simple, and systematic than the modifications of the Roman character which have now been proposed.

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The following are the steps which I beg to recommend should be taken, for the purpose of introducing the plan now advocated, and which appear to me to be likely to be attended with success. I state them in the order in which I think they should be carried out.

1. The encouragement of discussion respecting the merits of the plan in general and questions of detail, by persons conversant with the Native languages.

2. The adoption by Government of such measures as are considered to be best adapted for the settlement of the details of the plan on a comprehensive principle.

3. The publication of a series of alphabetical sheets and elementary books in the various vernaculars, containing exemplifications of the working of the plan, and explanations of points that may be thought likely to appear obscure to Natives.

4. The introduction of the plan, after these preliminary steps have been taken, into all schools supported by Government or receiving grants in aid, not in supersession of the Native characters, but as a supplementary system of writing.

By the time matters reached this point, the public mind would be prepared, I anticipate, for carrying the plan considerably farther.

I have, &c.,

R. CALDWELL.

IDEIYANKUDI, TINNEVELLY,
*2nd May*, 1859.

To

SIR C. E. TREVELYAN, K. C. B.,

*Governor of Madras.*

P. S.—Since this paper passed out of my hands, I have been in correspondence on the subject with the Revd. G. U. Pope, whose talents and acquirements are well known in this Presidency, and as I find that he also is strongly in favour of the introduction of the Roman character, I presume that it will be found to have a larger number of adherents than I imagined.

In discussing details with Mr. Pope, I have adopted some of his transliterations, in preference to those which I had suggested; but as my object in preparing the preceding paper was, not to attempt to settle details, but to draw attention to the subject and to promote discussion, I have thought it best to leave every thing just as it was written.

R. C.

III. *On the occurrence of Crystalline Limestone in the vicinity of Trichinopoly.* *By* W. King, Esq., *Geological Survey of India.*

(Communicated by Government.)

While surveying the Moosery and Toriore talooks of the Trichinopoly District, I observed some blocks of Crystalline Limestone in the bund of a tank near Comungalum. Subsequent observation showed that this rock occurs *in situ* in two places: at Naivailie, about sixteen miles North-west of Trichinopoly; and at Mootum four miles further North and on the West side of the Tyaur river.

These two localities occur in a metamorphic district consisting of beds of micaceous, hornblendic, and quartzose gneiss, more or less foliated and in many cases particularly in the South-western part of the Toriore talook assuming a perfectly schistose character. They are situated almost on the Northern edge of a great development of granite and quartz, either in the form of veins or protruded masses, which forms a belt more than eight miles in width extending along the Northern bank of the Cauvery from a point North of Trichinopoly into the Coimbatore District. Generally throughout this granitic region the direction of the foliation of the metamorphic rocks is E. N. E. = W. S. W. while the average dip of the beds is 45° to the North.

At Naivailie the limestone appears at the Eastern end of the tank as a bed 6 or 7 feet in width cropping up between bands of gneiss. From this point it extends in an E. S. E. direction for a little more than a mile, where it takes a new direction E. N. E., and so continues for another mile. Here another band joins it which may be a continuation of a smaller one occurring at Naivailie about 100 yards North of the first.

Throughout the greater part of its extent the main band preserves an uniform thickness of 6 or 7 feet, but widens out at one place (where there is a large granite vein and much contorted gneiss) into a surface of more than 50 yards square. The bedding of the gneiss rocks in the vicinity is quite distinct, the dip being

vertical, so that the vertical extent of the limestone may in all probability be very great.

Immediately adjoining the main band on its Northern side is a thick bed of quartz rock, and on the Southern is a bed of irregularly foliated hornblendic and felspatic gneiss succeeded by a large vein of granite some yards in width. This vein assumes towards its interior the structure of graphic granite. It is here that the change in the direction of the band takes place.

The limestone is generally of a grey color, but this changes to a white and in some places to pink. Its structure is granularly crystalline, resembling loaf sugar, at the same time the crystals are not so large as to render the rock friable. The foliation, which, as a rule, is extremely imperfect, is parallel to that of the gneiss, in this case the same as the direction of the band given above. The folia consists of mica and chlorite, these sometimes disappearing altogether and never exceeding an eighth of an inch in width. Fragments of contorted gneiss, and small nests of quartz, chlorite and calc spar occur in it to very small extent, while in places the limestone itself appears to have been squeezed in between the folia of the gneiss and separated into lenticular patches.

At Mootum the band of limestone is nearly a mile in length, but not so broad nor so much of it seen, as that at Naivailie. It presents the same characters, and the rocks of the vicinity are the same as at that place; the only difference being that the general color is pink and the development of granite not so great.

As an industrial resource of this district, the occurrence of crystalline limestone is very important, owing to its being useful as a building material in the form of stone, marble, or lime. In the present case, the uniformly close texture, the pleasing colors and semi-translucency, and the comparative freedom from foreign matters, are qualities which render it peculiarly well adapted for these different purposes. I had some of the light grey limestone burnt by the chunam-maker of the place, and specimens of different colors roughly polished in Trichinopoly; and the results were most satisfactory. The marble is fine grained and clouded, while the colours come out clear and decided; the lime was of excellent quality.

IV. *Memorandum of the Fort and Hindoo Temple at Vellore and others in its neighbourhood, as recorded in A. D.* 1815. *By* Lieut. H. P. Hawkes, *Sub Asst. Comy. Genl.*

About 450 years ago (A. D. 1365) an inhabitant of Vizianagram, named Rooma Reddy with his family arrived in this country en route to Ramiseram. On his march he halted several days at a village called Valapady near Vellore.

The inhabitants of the village, finding Rooma Reddy to be a good soldier, begged his assistance against a large body of robbers who were concealed in the neighbouring forest, particularly where the Fort of Vellore now stands, and who had pillaged all their property. On hearing this, Rooma Reddy with his brother took the necessary steps to secure them and put them all to death.

The inhabitants being overjoyed at their deliverence from these robbers, reported the circumstance to their head chief the Rajah of Guijee. He gave them permission to encourage Rooma Reddy to settle in the village, and ordered them to treat him well and give him every assistance in their power.

One day Rooma Reddy, accompanied by his dog, entered into the jungle to look for game. Of a sudden a hare made an attack on his dog on the spot where the sawmy pagoda is now built. Rooma Reddy being surprized and astonished at such an unusual occurrence, thought it must be some interposition of the gods. He returned to his house and dreamed that night that there was a lingum or stone sawmy beneath the white ant hill (near which the hare had attacked the dog), and that it was his duty to take it out and build a large pagoda on the spot, he also dreamed that treasure would be found by searching a certain cave in the hills.

Rooma Reddy discovered the treasure of which he had dreamed (all in gold) and applied to the Raja of Guijee for permission to build a fort and a pagoda on a certain spot of ground. This was granted, and he employed a large number of workmen who cleared the jungle and laid the foundations in a most durable manner. He first built the sawmy pagoda, covering the lingum stone sawmy,

now to be seen in the Arsenal and which he called "Telecauteserai."

After a period of 25 years (1390)? the Fort was nearly completed, when Kistna Deva Rayah, king of Anaygoondy in Mysore invaded the Carnatic, took possession of all the fortified places, and amongst others of Vellore Fort where he fixed his throne. He erected the Rajmahal and other buildings, and sunk a tank called Sooriag oonta,* (reservoir tank) also a well† in the pagoda surrounded by a stone choultry as an offering to his god.

Moreover he made a canal† from the Palar river to supply the well† with water: he reigned about fifty years.

Kistnajeeamah, his wife, established a pettah, and built two sawmy Pagodas on the bank of the Palar river about one mile from Vellore.

His brother, Ganaput Royal, built the fort of Arnee by the same workmen who made the plan for the fortification of Vellore.

On Kistna Deva Rayel's decease, his brother Atchoota Rayel succeeded him on the throne, and built a Rajmahal at Chandernagherry.

After the demise of Atchoota Rayel, Ram Rayel his brother was placed on the throne.

By reference to several books of Gentoo poems, now in possession of several inhabitants here, it will be seen that the descendants of the Rayels reigned in this as well as in Mysore and other countries (about 200 years ago), and that after that they were succeeded by the Mahrattas.

Shahoo Raja a Mahratta king entered into the Carnatic with his army, and took possession of Vellore and other forts where he found much treasure. He built several hill forts, on various spots

* This tank which is more than 150 yards square is still in existence, and contains a sufficiency of water to supply the Fort for 2 or 3 years to which it is conveyed by pipe, it is about 800 or 1000 yards south of the Fort.

† This well in the pagoda is also in perfect repair, and there is every reason to believe that the communication with the river here mentioned, was actually made as there is a constant flow of clear spring water into it. The river is distant about a mile and a quarter north.

captured by him, and amongst others he built forts near Vellore, Vizagapatam, Sazram, Gozaran, Kylassaghur and Carnatic-ghur; he also sunk a tank on the hill of Sazaron which he named Guija Saugor.

On his return to his native country (Poona), he left one of his principal chieftains named Rajah Ram Chutterputty to govern this country. Rajah Shahoo's servants, a washerman and a chuckler, built with the Rajah's permission two hill forts in the neighbourhood of Vellore called Chumbar-ghur and Dhobie-ghur.

The Mahrattas reigned in this country about 100 years, and were succeeded by the Mussulmen.

About 150 years ago (1665 ?) a mussulman named Khan Khannah was sent by the King of Delhi to govern the Hydrabad Soubah and its dependencies. He appointed Nowab Mahomed Khan as Khilledur of Vellore, &c., viz. Kylassaghur, &c. His son murdered some of the dancing women, belonging to the sawmy pagoda in the Fort of Vellore, from which circumstance the worship of Telacunteeswerim sawmy was discontinued and the valuable jewels and images belonging to the pagoda were concealed under ground. On the decease of Nawab Mahomed Khan, his son Nawab Abdulla Khan succeeded him and commanded the fort for several years. He laid the foundation of a fortification in Chedpary tank, but did not proceed with the work. He also built a large terraced house, a stone choultry, sunk a well, and established a village called Abdullapoorum about three miles from Vellore on the high road to Seringapatam. By reference to an Arabic inscription cut on the stone lying in the gateways of the fort, it may be seen that he altered the gates of Vellore. Abdullah Khan had a Hindoo woman called Nazook Rutnum whom he loved much, but at last he murdered her in a fit of drunkenness, and built a tomb stone near Conaveethum about half a mile from the fort on the left hand side of the road? This he ornamented with a gilt top and endowed it with several cawnies of land, the revenue of which was to defray the expenses of the daily and annual ceremonies. Abdullah's tomb is situated in a stone choultry about 2½ miles from the fort close to the Chedepary tank.

Nawab-Nansur Sing, son of Nawab Azuf Jah, Soubadar of the Deccan, was directed by the king of Delhi to govern the Carnatic, and on his death Nawab Daood Khan, accompanied by his Dewan Nawab Saadut oola Khan, came to this country.

On Daood Khan's return to Hyderabad he made over the Government of the country to Saadut oola, who came to terms with all the petty Rajahs, excepting the Rajah of Guijee, who refused to pay his revenue, assigning as a reason that he had expended all his resources in building seven hill forts at Guijee. Nawab Saadut oola not considering this a satisfactory reason, seized Guijee and took Dar Sing prisoner. The history of Dar Sing is written in the Gentoo language, as also that of his wife who suffered herself to be burnt with him. His tomb is situated at Tutta Petta near Guijee.

During the period of Nawab Saadut oola Khan's Government, (about one hundred and ten years ago), he granted to his brother Nawab Gholam Ali Khan, the jagheer of Vellore and its dependencies.

Gholam Ali Khan had four sons, viz., Ali Dost Khan, Bauker Ali Khan, Saduk Ali Khan, and Acbur Mahomed Khan. On Gholam Ali Khan's decease, his property and jagheer were divided amongst his four sons, and Nawab Bauker Ali Khan succeeded to the Fort and district of Vellore.

During the time that Bauker Ali Khan held the jagheer (about 90 years ago,) a great famine happened in this country, at which period he established a Lungur Khana to support a number of poor people and deepened the Chedpary tank. He made, moreover, a nullah from the Palaar river to supply the tank with water. Nawab Bauker Ali Khan had two sons, Gholam Rajah Khan and Gholam Martuzah Khan. The latter succeeded his father after his death in the jagheer of Vellore, and built a hill fort near Vellore which he called Moortuza-ghur. His wife founded a village called Baukerpooram, and made a garden near it called the "Barrier gate," at present the indigo works of Mr. Jollie.

Wallajah, the Nawab of the Carnatic, demanded Gholam Moorteza Khan's daughter in marriage for his son Nawab Oomdut Oomrah, and on being refused he leagued with Lord Clive, enter-

ed and took possession of Vellore (about 60 years ago), and appointed his own Khilledar. The Fort of Vellore was afterwards made over to the British Government. Wallajah having taken Vellore, took the wife and daughter of Gholam Moorteza Khan into his own house, and sent the jagheerdar to close imprisonment at Trichinopoly.

The tombs of these Mussulmen are situated in a Muckan adjoining Colonel Webber's house in the Pettah of Vellore.

Translation of an inscription taken from a stone which covered the well inside the Arsenal of Vellore.

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Having compelled him to look for shelter in the woods, Sheeralan or Chera armed with a bow and arrow, well fitted for using in battle, destroyed Caudalore encircled by the sea, and cut the gold crowned heads Vomallavan (*i. e.* the strong vallanen) and Kaunacucha Kanta, (*i. e.* the " guardian defender" a title of royalty), so that the king of Kanga took fright.

He advanced his standards, took Tamilpauni, putting the Raja (Cavalan) to fight, and striking his elephants so that they wallowed on the ground roaring, and defeated all his enemies. He likewise put to flight Medusal Vissagan (*i. e.* " a large sword") by means of his army while his father and mother shed tëars, having exhibited his labour and caused to be imprisoned the emissaries deputed by Ahava Malla, who took fright at his army, his Vallout (king) wounded them, and Ahava Malla who was armed with a bow and arrow with his army under the flag of a palmyra tree.

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NOTE.—The commencement and end of the above are illegible.—H. P. H.

## V. *Report on Lead Ores in the Cuddapah District. By* P. W. WALL, ESQ., *Mineral Viewer.*

(Communicated by Government.)

IN that portion of my previous report which relates to the locality described as near Nundiallumpett, in the Cuddapah District, I pointed out the connection existing between a number of isolated points of occurrence of the mineral under consideration as indicating one continuous vein or lode having throughout a uniform course or direction.

It became, therefore, my object to pursue an examination of the country in the direction thus indicated from the two extreme points, with the view to ascertaining if a further continuation of the lode could be traced out.

In the northerly direction, the course indicated leaves the hilly ground and passes for some considerable distance over an area of level country, the surface of which is covered with soil and alluvial matter, and most unfavorable for investigations of this nature; from the southern extremity, however, the course is over a portion of the mountainous range, my attention was therefore directed to this part, and I have succeeded in discovering numerous other points in the line of its course and tracing it for a further distance of four miles.

The ore is thinly scattered in this continued portion occasionally disseminated through the gangue, but more frequently lining the cavities, as occurs at the surface at the previously described parts of it.

At the most southern point as yet observed the rock becomes more siliceous and scattered crystals of Copper Pyrites occur in it.

A map of the locality with the course of the Lead vein shown by a broad red line is herewith appended.*

The vein throughout this latter extension continues to preserve the uniform character with that of the other portions as observed at the surface, its cellular or cavernous structure being throughout a very marked feature which enables it to be readily distinguished when making its appearance at the surface.

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* Vide Pl. II.

On the western side of the lode, and at a distance of about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from it, there occurs a branch vein, this is marked on the map a little south east of the village of Nagsanpilly.

At the point of observation it is split into two portions about 2 feet apart, each being of a thickness of 4 inches average.

Being of small dimensions it is rich in mineral, the whole being made up of ore and clay, there is also a considerable admixture of carbonate of Copper.

The direction of it is north east and south west with an underlie of 45° to the south east.

Its course traverses a series of ridges and nullahs and in this respect is very favorably circumstanced for working.

The place where opened by my excavations is situated about 150 feet above the level of the plain, so that a considerable extent could be worked vertically by means of headings into the hill side without any fear of interruption from water, and with the greatest possible facility for getting rid of the debris; longitudinally also a great extent could be mined under the same advantageous circumstances on account of the undulating surface of the country.

The part at present exposed is $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the point where, if its present direction is maintained, a junction would be effected with the main lode, approaching which it may be expected to increase in richness.

In the opposite direction there is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the same undulating country it probably traverses before reaching the plain.

There is every reason to believe it will not be found to die out in this last named direction, inasmuch as the mineral I discovered to occur again to the south at about 7 miles distant, and where the course of it, if continued, would intersect the Penrair river.

The range of hills traversed by the southern portion of the main lode as also by this supplementary branch is a portion of that called Lunkamulla, and so named on the Ordnance map. The place alluded to in my previous report under this name is the branch vein now described.

Close to the village of Coteloor on the northern bank of the Pennair river, a vein of white quartz crosses the bed of the river nearly at right angles, in this substance occur tolerably thickly scattered large crystals of cubical Galena.

The direction of this vein is about N. N. E. and S. S. W.

In this it is nearly parallel to the main vein or lode passing Jungumrauzpully, but it is at the same time in a line with the direction of the branch vein from the Lunkamulla hills, it is not therefore certain if this is a separate lode or continuation of the above mentioned branch, in either case its occurrence is of importance pointing out the direction for further investigations: it is not favorable for being explored at the spot itself on account of its situation being in the bed of the river.

A substance called in Hindoostanee Soorma, has been lately mentioned to me as having been obtained from near Gunganapully or Chintaconadinna. But lead and antimony are sold in bazaars under this name, and it is not improbable that this locality may also be a site for Lead ore, and a continuation of the Coteloor vein occur there.

The Coteloor vein traverses a flat bedded limestone, much used for building purposes, and locally known as the Poospagherry stone, through which it has burst, this rock is seen for some distance along the northern bank of the Pennair at the village of Podatoor, Jummulmudgoo, and in continuation of that line again at Cond Oopulpaud on the borders of Bellary and Cuddapah, its western boundary passes from this last named point to near Banganapilly and thence to Calwa (Kurnool), and appears to extend nearly to the base of the Nullimulla range, a line from Coteloor through Nundial in Kurnool forming its eastern boundary, it has a very slight inclination about 5° to the N. E., it overlies a series of rocks consisting of limestone, conglomerate, banded jasper, clays and sandstones and conformably with them; the entire series is best seen at Cond Oopulpaud near Rialcherroo in Bellary, portions of it at Gundicottah and near Calwa.

The small strip of country bounded by the limits as above defined, is one in which the rocks sedimentary in character have remained almost undisturbed since their original deposition. On either side are evidences of great changes having taken place, on the east the elevation of the Nullimulla range has abruptly broken the continuity of these beds forming an extensive throw or fault, while towards the west they rise into a range of hills of moderate elevation terminating in a ridge steeply scarped on their western

face, their eastern side sloping with the inclination of the beds of rocks to the N. E. To the west of this ridge the features of the country are entirely changed; isolated hills rugged on all sides, or pyramids with their sloping sides covered with rounded boulder-like blocks give a decided character to a country composed as this is of protended and altered rocks intermingled. It is in this line of country so composed that the Kurnool lead occurs.

The rock of the country traversed by the Lunkamulla branch vein consists of a clay slate and shale, of this a large portion of the range from the Chey Air river to the Nundicannama Ghaut is composed, and in it the excavation for working the mineral would require to be made. It is a material easy of excavation, but all mining works in it would require timbering for their support, in this respect, however, nothing beyond a fair average cost is to be feared.

Timber suitable for the purpose would no doubt be found amongst the numerous varieties that appear to exist in the adjacent jungles, it would of course be a matter of experience to ascertain the description most adapted to withstand the damp of underground works; in the event of any difficulty in this respect the cheap labor of the country would enable a dry rubble arched lining to be adopted as the excavations in the rock of the country would afford a flat bedded material sufficiently strong and adapted for this purpose.

Assays of samples of the ore from various parts of the vein have been kindly undertaken by Dr. Scott, Assistant Assayer at the Mint; they are exceedingly satisfactory as showing the ore invariably to contain a valuable quantity of the precious metal.

Considering the number of spots this mineral is now found to occur at in this locality, its existence in regular lodes whose course can be readily traced at the surface, its containing occasionally a most extravagant proportion of silver, and invariably a quantity to give considerable value on its account, I am of opinion that a fair field is here presented for commercial enterprise, in mining undertaking, and that works judiciously conducted would lead to the development of extensive mineral resources in this District.

The small branch vein above mentioned offers a most available as well as promising spot for a commencement to work the mineral, as so considerable an extent of ground could be explored with

comparatively little outlay, a heading along the course of this vein 4 feet high and 3 wide would, I estimate, yield in dressed ore 18 cwt. per lineal yard if proving of no greater strength further in that at present shown at the surface, the cost of excavating the above would in England be about 15 to 25 Shillings dependent upon the price of timber in the district and other local circumstances. In this country it should not be estimated for at a lower rate, though even tually with the experience the workmen would gain by time it might be possibly done cheaper, taking the average of above prices

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| £1 per yard or say per ton of dressed or yielded.... | Rs. | 12 |
| Dressing and washing........................ | ,, | 10 |
| Per ton of ore, | Rs. | 22 |
| Carriage to Madras........................... | ,, | 30 |
| Contingencies at 10 per cent.................. | ,, | 5 |
| | Rupees.. | 57 |

or say £6 per ton.

At this cost the surplus beyond the requirements of the country would yield an excellent profit by shipment to England, where it would sell for not less than £12.

The mountainous character of the country through which nearly the whole extent of the mineral has now been traced would greatly facilitate the commencement of operations, and considerable amount of work could be done without the necessity of any outlay for pumping machinery. It may also be here mentioned, that the art of separating substances of different specific gravity by the aid of running water, is one that is practised very generally and with considerable success by the Natives of India, so that so far as the washing and dressing the ores is concerned, there is for this branch of the business every facility afforded in work people of this class ready to hand and at a very cheap rate.

In my late tour I also visited a part of the Nellore District for the purpose of inspecting the sites of occurrence of Copper ore. The principal locality is at Garemanepentah in the Pamur Division.

It is found in small bunches between layers of gneiss which forms the prevailing rock of the country, nowhere did I see any trace of veins, their existence in the District however may fairly be inferred I think from these numerous isolated patches of ore, the general features of the country pointing towards the Nullimulla

hills as the most probable locality in which they will ultimately be met with, this being as before stated the line of great disturbance that has taken place, and shown to contain regular mineral veins with traces of Copper in them.

*Examination of Ores of Lead, showing the per centage of Metallic Lead and No. of ozs. of Silver contained in one ton of the Mineral.*

| No. | Mineral. | Locality. | | 1st Examination. | | | | | | 2nd Examination. | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Lead. | | | Silver. | | | Lead. | | | Silver. | | |
| | | | | Weight. | | Per centage. | Weight. | Oz. per ton. | | Weight. | | Per centage. | Weight. | | |
| | oz | | | dwt. | grs. | | grs. | oz | dwt | dwt. | grs. | | grs. | oz. | dwt. |
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| ,, | 1 | do. (slime) | | 12 | 4 | 60·820 | 0·143 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 62·500 | 0·143 | 10 | 14 |
| II | 1 | Jungumrazpully. | | 13 | 8 | 66·614 | 0·143 | 10 | 14 | 13 | 22 | 69·664 | 0·176 | 13 | 13 |
| ,, | 1 | do. (slime) | | 4 | 12 | 22·407 | spoilt. | .. | .. | 6 | 19 | 33·992 | spoilt.. | .. | .. |
| III | 1 | Lunkamulla.... | | 14 | 1 | 70·121 | 0·121 | 9 | 2 | 15 | 7 | 76·371 | 0·110 | 8 | 4 |
| ,, | 1 | do. (slime) | | 7 | 6 | 36·278 | 0·110 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 46·000 | 0·110 | 8 | 4 |
| IV | 1 | Gazerpully, Kurnool... | | 11 | 21 | 59·450 | 0·066 | 5 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 55·714 | 0·066 | 5 | 19 |
| ,, | 1 | do. (slime)...... | | 4 | 18 | 23·752 | 0·044 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 20·807 | 0·033 | 2 | 9 |

## *On some of the Silver Lead Ores, in the Kurnool District.* By P. W. WALL, ESQ.

(Communicated by Government.)

Under the instructions conveyed by Government, I have visited the localities alluded of Gazelpüily in the Nundicunnamah pass of the Nullimallah Hills and Coilcontla in the Dhone Talook of the Kurnool district.

The mine near Gazelpüily is situated about seven miles from this village, and at the foot of the range of Hills forming the Eastern Ghauts, which at this part are composed of sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.

The ore occurs in a matrix of sulphate of baryta, from the samples I was able to inspect, in very small quantity;—the indications are such as to lead to the inference that further working would reveal the ore more abundantly distributed.

The matrix however being a very friable material, the cheap native labor of the district, used for breaking and picking the ore, would greatly assist towards rendering the mining of very inferior samples profitable.

The character of the enclosing rocks, is rather favorable for the execution of mining operations in them.

The locality is a very dense jungle ; timber adapted for mining purposes and which is required to be of strength and durability under exposure in wet and damp situations, could no doubt be obtained from it, the ore could also by means of the charcoal procured from this jungle be smelted in the neighbourhood. The clearing of the jungle possibly reducing the feverish nature of the district.

The Coilcontla mine is situated amidst Hills of Granite and other primitive rocks, the ore occurs in a very hard silicious matrix, occasionally very much disseminated through it, much would therefore, require to be crushed and washed, to separate the ore from the enclosing gangue, this would be done with somewhat more labor and difficulty than when dealing with the Gazelpüily ore, the

cheap labor however of India, would admit of the poorest ores being operated upon even in this case.

In para. 4 of Captain Russell's letter, No. 13, May 29th, 1857, addressed to Government, he speaks of the ore as occurring in scattered nodules and considers them as transported blocks ; on account of the heavy monsoon rains falling on the occasion of my visist, I could make no observations beyond the nature of the country in which either this mine (or that at Gazelpülly is situated,) Captain Russell had kindly instructed the Tahsildar at Dhone to endeavour to clear the pit of water, he however reported it as almost impossible at that season of the year. I am therefore not able to offer any remarks from actual observation upon this very important point, in any case however, a vein of ore must exist in the locality and must be struck upon for this to become a mine of importance ; in the meantime however, the nodules could be excavated and vein traced out at a very small cost, this being done with profit if the abundance with which they may be found prove considerable.

The per centage of silver that may be expected to be obtained from the bulk of the ore of the Coilcontla mine may, I think, be inferred from a series of experiments that have been conducted by the Acting Assay Master at the Mint, in conjunction with myself, both upon the (40) forty maunds sent by Captain Russell from this place and also upon the individual specimens I brought from the spot.

The average yield as thus ascertained is from twelve to fourteen ounces of the precious metal in the ton of reduced lead, and much above that which would characterise it as an ore valuable for the silver contained, three ounces of silver to the ton of lead being in European establishments worth the expense of operating upon for its separation, the extent to which such operation is there carried on being until no more than ten pennyweights remains in the ton of metallic lead.

The process employed consists chiefly of manual labor, for which the Natives would be, I apprehend, well adapted and readily instructed.

The previous assays however of Dr. Scott, show that occasion-

ally the ore occurs extremely rich in the precious metal, it is usual in the occurrence of argentiferous galena in England and elsewhere, for it to be thus unequally distributed through the ore.

The yield of metallic lead was ascertained, in the experiments above alluded to, to be seventy per cent. of the dressed ore.

The average yield of silver upon all English lead mines was, in 1854, $16\frac{1}{3}$ (sixteen and one-third) ounces per ton of lead, the richest mine giving 84 (eighty-four) ounces, the poorest $3\frac{1}{2}$ (three and half) ounces per ton of metallic lead obtained in the year.

With respect to the ore from Gazelpülly, no further assays could be made, the mineral lately received at the Mint from this place proved, on inspection, to consist almost entirely of sulphate of baryta, with traces only of galena in it.

It is not however for silver only that the mines must be looked upon as of importance; the lead also is a valuable metal, the crude ore, if obtained in moderate abundance, and without any extraordinary expense on account of "dead-work" being in itself of sufficient value for the lead only to bear considerable cost in transit to any part where it may be required to be conveyed for smelting.

The prices of dressed lead ores realized at the Holywell* sales varies from £10-0-0 to £18-12-6 per ton, containing the average per centage of silver, above stated, for English mines.

* *North Wales.*

As an important feature in the Coilcontla mine, I may mention that I am informed it is probable, the Northern Division of the Madras Railway will pass within twenty or thirty miles of its site, and as there does not appear to be much timber in this district, the Railway when completed will offer a facility for conveying the ore to any more convenient part of the country for the purpose of being smelted.

It is however upon the probable produce of the mines that the main question depends, and I think it would be desirable for Government to obtain, at some small cost, further evidence upon this point.

It would appear that in Kurnool and Cuddapah, there are many spots reported to produce lead ore, in addition to those under consideration in this report, as far back as 1820. I find Jangamrauzpilly† mentioned as a locality for silver lead, in Heyne's Tracts on India. Galena from Cuddapah is said to have been reported by the Assay Master at Bengal, as containing eleven per cent. of silver. This would be a silver not a lead mine.

† *Cumbum, (Cuddapah.)*

I am informed by Dr. Scott that he has heard that Captain Blagrave has lately discovered another site yielding this mineral.

I should therefore propose to examine all these reported metalliferous localities, by means of a small extent of excavation at each, for which purpose it would be requisite for Government to sanction a certain monthly expenditure during my operations, say Rupees (500) five hundred.

If Government shall think it desirable to sanction the expenditure I propose, I shall beg to request that the services of a European Corporal and two Privates (1st class Sawyers) of the Corps of Sappers and Miners may, if possible, be placed at my disposal.

I have also to request the sanction of Government to the attachment of two Lascars to my establishment for the purpose of collecting samples of ores, &c., from distant localities : the peons of the Collector of Rajahmundry ordered to accompany me in my survey on the Godavery were not adapted to making the excursions into the jungle which I often required.

Should the indications at any one or more places be proved by this survey to be satisfactory, I shall have the honor of proposing for the consideration of Government that works at such spot be executed by Government (consisting of the sinking of shafts, erecting pumping machinery, &c.,) with a view to the mine being let to be worked by Natives, the ore being purchased from them by Government at a stated value of the metal contained in it, and smelted for the use of the Government establishments, as the Arsenal, Mint, &c., estimates of the cost of any such undertaking, I shall beg to submit as the circumstances may occur requiring the suggestion.

As adapted for these operations, as well as for Public Works generally, I would beg to draw the attention of Government to the Agricultural Locomotive Steam Engines now in great use in England, and to suggest the desirableness of there being one or two in the Government stores to be used on occasions such as those above named; the design upon which they should be constructed, would possibly require to be somewhat altered from that in ordinary use in England, to suit the particular circumstances of this country.

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## *Report on the Silver Lead Ores of Kurnool and other portions of the Ceded Districts. By* P. W. WALL, ESQ.

(Communicated by Government.)

IN the previous communication I have had the honor to make in reference to the Lead Ores that had reached Madras, I alluded to the per centage of silver contained in the mineral from one of the localities as being much larger than the average of those ores worked in England and in consequence as being worthy of further attention being directed to.

The chief point therefore to which my attention has been directed in my investigations, during the past season has been to ascertain the circumstances under which the mineral existed, if there were reasonable grounds for presuming it was to be obtained in any quantity, and what were the general conditions under which mining operations would be able to be conducted in the several localities in which it occurred.

The following are the names of the places visited by me at or near which the mineral under consideration exists.

Coilcontla in the Dhone Talook of Kurnool, Gazerpully in the Nundial Talook of the same district.

Jungumrauzpillay, Village and Ghaut.

In the Bundwail Talook of Cuddapah and Buswapoor in the Dhoor Talook of the same.

In addition to the above places, search which I directed to be made in a range of hills called Lunkamulla immediately south of the last named place has been successful in finding the mineral in considerable quantity. It was however only brought to me after I had left the district and I was not able to visit the spot.

Coilcontla is situated about six miles to the west of the village of Dhone in the Talook of that name, the site where the lead ore occurs is $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of the village.

The surface of the country in the immediate neighbourhood is exceedingly rugged, occasioned by the protrusion of granite hills rising to an extreme height of about 500 feet above the level of the main adjoining valley; dykes composed of felspar, porphyry and trap intersect the granite forming low hills; well marked on account of their dark color in continuous ridges through the country; being apparently of less decomposable matter than the enclosing rock, they have been left protruding from it as now seen; these dykes have a general direction east and west and extend over a large portion of the Ceded Districts, they become more numerous farther southward. At Pennacondah in the south division of Bellary they form a very marked feature in the appearance of the country on account of their number.

In addition to the above there is a large quartz dyke passing near the site of the lead mine as well as one of the same material enclosing large quantities of specular Iron seen near the public bungalow at Yeldoorty, 12 miles distant from Coilcontla, these like the trap dykes have a general direction E. and W.

The hills about Coilcontla are for the most part very bare of timber; a low brushwood occurring at intervals only on their sides.

In the valley between these hills a considerable thickness of sand resulting from the washings of their sides covers over the rugged surface of the rock beneath, the inequalities in which form natural reservoirs for water; into this sand the Natives dig their wells for agricultural purposes and obtain an abundant supply of water through nearly the whole of the dry season; the sinking of one of these pits was the occasion of the discovery at this place of the mineral now the subject of consideration.

The water thus occurring, and in considerable quantity, was a source of much inconvenience to me in endeavouring to examine the ore "in situ," as it would also be in any subsequent mining operations and much increase their cost, especially as the nature of the ground offers little or no facility for assisting the drainage of under ground works by means of an adit level.

On my arrival at Coilcontla in the beginning of January, I found the water in the lead pit standing at between two and three feet only beneath the surface of the ground. I therefore availed myself of the little fall in the surface of the valley and cut a small channel, by which I was enabled to lower the water surface five feet and proceeded thence by such Native appliances as the district afforded to lift out the remaining water to examine the ground from whence the ore had been procured.

Upon reaching the bottom of the pit and clearing it of the rubbish that had accumulated I found the ore to occur in a well marked vein capable of being distinctly traced as far as I was able to lay bare the enclosing rock from the surface sand with which it was covered; about 12 feet of this sand here covers the rock, this and five feet in depth of the vein or rock had been previously excavated, no doubt for the purpose of obtaining the mineral it contained.

At the extreme north corner of the pit, the vein has a width of 2 feet 9 inches, thence southward it rapidly increases within 2 or 3 feet of distance to a width of 4 feet and continues to expand throwing out numerous threads or pipe veins, the main one becoming less rich in ore and eventually towards the south corner totally devoid of it; in the opposite direction the vein appears suddenly to contract to a few inches only in width, my excavation there did not reach the same depth as where the vein has its greatest width.

The vein generally is well defined by its walls of clear amethyst quartz, it does not however contain metal throughout even the short length I was able to examine it; thus in the upper part at the north corner of the well these walls enclose a white China clay only. The gangue enclosing the metal is a blueish quartz, compact but exceedingly full of joints and fissures at which the stone is colored with oxide of iron resulting from its decomposition; it is on this

account not difficult of excavation, the stone is easily broken also when first excavated, but hardens much on exposure when it becomes very tough and difficult to break.

The ore occurs variously intermingled with the quartz gangue or in large cubical crystals giving the stone a porphyritic appearance, in other parts of the vein large masses of pure ore entirely free from the gangue are able to be extracted.

After getting the level of the water in the pit sufficiently low to examine the vein, I caused the pit to be deepened about three feet and the ore from a length of six feet of the vein to be broken, picked and sorted. It yielded

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| 9 cwt. 3 qrs. | of first sort | containing by | estimation | 75 per cent. |
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the result after properly dressing therefore would be per fathom 9 cwt. of ore.

The direction of the vein is nearly due north and south towards the south corner, its tendency is more towards the S. E., it has an underlie to the east apparently about 75°, but in places it is nearly vertical, the strings branching out from it incline 30° or 40° only to the horizon.

Following the direction of the vein as indicated at the well, I found on examining the surface of the rock where it became exposed about 600 yards from the pit on the north side of it, a further outcrop of the vein traceable for about 20 yards; it here consists of little more than the crystal walls varying in thickness from 1 to 3 inches; at intervals of a few feet however there occur numerous holes and which have every appearance of having been made artificially no doubt, and lead ore occurred here and these cavities have resulted from its removal.

On the south side of the pit I was not able to detect any signs of the vein in the numerous granite hillocks with which the ground is studded near the well, nor in the more elevated hills beyond.

The site near Gazerpullay at which lead ore was found is about 7 miles to the north-east of the village, it lies some considerable elevation on the range of the Nullimulla hills, and is in the midst

of a very thick bamboo jungle which appears to cover the whole of these hills; the spot is marked on the Ordnance map of the district as a lead mine, and must at one time, have been one of some importance as there are now still existing the remains of what may be considered for native undertakings very extensive workings.

These consist of a number of pits varying in depth from 10 to 25 feet with galleries now fallen in, but which no doubt connected the pits and had extensive ramifications, more than 100 of these pits were counted, the working pits were confined to a comparatively small area, but numerous trials had evidently been made at some distance from the main seat of operations.

The ground in which these pits are sunk is for a few feet immediately beneath the surface a highly crystalline sandstone, they then pass into a dry and a very firable argillaceous compound; the sandstone resting upon this dry clay, has been at this point upheaved by some force beneath it, as the beds under which it lies are shown by the various depths in the pits at which the sandstone ceases, and dry clay begins to dip in opposite directions from it along a line having a direction somewhat to the east of north, in this dry clay the galleries have been executed and no doubt the lead found.

The sandstone forming the sides of the pits has been very much loosened and broken by exposure, so that without more skilled labor than I had at command, I was unable to render any one of them sufficiently safe for a man to work in, or it would have been exceedingly desirable to have sunk a little deeper at one of them, as well as to have cleaved out some of the galleries as owing to the great quantity of debris accumulated in them, I was not successful in making out the vein of ore there is every reason to believe exists here.

The general circumstances here have some analogy with the occurrence of lead ore at the third place I shall have to describe, and which I shall allude to hereafter.

The jungle about the mine is very thick and much frequented by tigers, it was with some difficulty that coolies could be obtained to proceed to the place at all! water is procurable about one

to two miles from the mine, but it has the reputation of being liable to give fever. All for the use of the coolies had therefore to be carried from Gazerpullay or Buswapoor the nearest village.

The jungle contains some fine teak timber, a material well adapted for the requirements of mining operations in supporting the sides of shafts and roofs of headings.

The situation of the mine on an elevated spot is favorable to the execution of works for drainage, so that some depth might be reached without the necessity of any arrangements for the pumping out of any water encountered during progress.

The rock is loose and easy of excavation, so that although there exists some inconvenience as to situation in being in the heart of so thick a jungle, there are many assistances towards the execution of mining works at this spot.

A small trial shaft here would soon prove if the spot that has been formerly worked by the Natives is the actual site of the vein, the aid of a party of Sappers would be requisite for the purpose as it would be quite unsafe to set ordinary coolies to excavate in a position requiring careful attention in timbering shaft or galleries to prevent their falling in.

The lead ore that has been lately found here, appears to be the debris of a mineral vein existing somewhere in the locality and deposited in its present position by the action of water, it occurs on the hill side and within a few yards of the pits above mentioned, and upon digging down it is found intermingled with fragments of the rock of the country and ceases as soon as one reaches the solid rock in position.

The ore is enclosed in a gangue of sulphate of baryta or heavy spar also occasionally in white quartz, it is as at Coilcontlah a sulphuret of lead or galena, and there are here as at that place occasionally small admixtures of copper (sulphuret) zinc, blende and iron pyrites.

The third locality for this mineral is near Nundeallumpett in the Dhoor Talook of Cuddapah.

The mineral here occurs at three points extending over a length

of four miles, viz., at the village of Buswapoor on the west side of the ghaut, on the top of the Jungumrauzpullay pass, and near the village of Jungumrauzpullay on the east side of the ghaut; at all these places there is a marked uniformity in the character of the rock in which the ore occurs, being in fact one vein or lode extending for this distance.

The direction of the lode at the several places of occurrence corresponds with the general direction passing through the three points, and is a few degrees east of north.

The lode appears to be of very considerable width, northward from Buswapoor it divides into two branches, it is possible that two veins may exist at Buswapoor, but it is not observable on the surface.

The rock of the country is a clay slate passing frequently into a quartzose schist; it dips to the E. or E. N. E. at about 40° to the horizon occasionally much more inclined, the strike of the slate being N. N. W. and S. S. E. with which direction the lode nearly conforms.

The lode is composed of a very hard and compact quartz rock of a dark grey colour; through this the lead is disseminated in minute grains; this however is its character at 10 or 12 feet from the surface; more immediately on the surface the rock has somewhat the character of a very coarse breccia composed of fragments of a porous argillaceous stone and of the grey quartzite cemented together with the siliceous matter.

The whole body of the vein at the surface has a coarse cellular structure with large cavities running irregularly through it; lining these cavities lead ore is found and at Buswapoor seems is the only part of the vein that the Natives have searched for it; this substance although differing in composition and appearance is the "Gosson" of Cornish miners and, its marked character here as with them is of great service in enabling one to trace out the course of a mineral vein; fragments found in the soil at the surface being a sure sign that the vein is not far off.

The dry pulverulent clay I have mentioned as occurring immediately beneath the sandstone at the lead pits near Gazerpullay,

has some resemblance to the argillaceous breccia, the out crop of the vein at Jungumrauzpullay and places contiguous which substance in a state of decomposition it appeared to me; its being overlaid by the beds of sandstone which have been affected by it instead of bursting through these rocks to the surface is rather against the presumption of its being a mineral vein, were it not that a similar example is seen near Nundiallumpett at which place the vein becomes suddenly concealed by the clay slate through which it has elsewere penetrated, this appears to occur at several places along the line of this vein, its existence beneath the slate was proved by slight excavations.

At Buswapoor the earth is cleared out of the cavities of this surface rock by the Natives and lead detached from their sides; occasionally they seem to have broken away a little of the rock where two cavities have been worked near to one another, beyond this their efforts have not extended.

On the Jungumrauzpillay pass it is far otherwise; here appear to have been executed some extensive workings.

They consist of a number of pits, many of the depth of 20 or 25 feet; from the bottom of these horizontal and inclined headings or galleries have been carried in various directions following the indications of the mineral.

These galleries in some cases extend 50 and 60 yards uniting one or more of them; all the excavations seem to have been effected by firing the rock, a labour which in pits so close and confined must have been very trying even to Natives as well as tedious and costly.

The indications of lead in these workings are very scanty, there are, however, many places in the present exposed surface of the rock where traces can be observed.

The vein has the same structure at the surface as at Buswapoor, and like it is similarly compounded; these characters are also distinctly marked at a third place where the vein crops out on the east side of the ghaut close to the village of Jungumrauzpillay, here ore is seen in the rock but very minute portions.

One or two insignificant pits have also here been sunk at this place.

In the opposite direction or south of Buswapoor about a mile from it there are indications of the vein in pieces of lead that have been found in the debris at the surface, I observed also many lumps of the argillaceous breccia scattered about. I did not, however, succeed in meeting with the out crop of the vein itself.

Observing, however, the uniform course of the vein, I directed my search further to the south in a range of high hills named Lunkamulla.

It was not however till some time after my departure from Nundiallumpett when I had established my camp during my operations in this locality that I received intelligence from a Goomaster acting under my instructions of his success together with the samples of the ore ; I had not therefore an opportunity of inspecting personally this spot.

Upon examining these samples of ore, I found a very large admixture of copper with the galena ; galena is usually associated with copper but tne abundance of the latter material in these samples lead to the inference that the vein on being worked would attain an importance on account of the copper.

From the investigations I have made and above detailed, it would appear that in the districts in which they have been prosecuted, there exist a series of mineral veins the individual examples as yet discovered being of some extent, and having a uniform direction of north and south and that analagous to the great Cornish mining district of England there are here also a series of non-metalliferous veins or dykes running through the country and crossing the former nearly at right angles to them, the directions here, however, being the converse of those of Cornwall, where the metal yielding veins are east and west, the unproductive or cross courses north and south; as it is not usual for mineral veins to occur in isolated examples in a district it is fairly to be presumed that here others accompany those now discovered.

In respect to the profitable working of the veins now known ; every thing would depend upon their productiveness in ore in

working, and although I have above stated an amount I extracted from a defined length, no conclusions are to be drawn from it of any future yield.

The chief value to be attached to them must of course be on the large percentage of silver which has been shown to exist in parts of the vein; as regards the value of the lead, it is not probable that however productive in the crude ore a mine in either of the places named might prove, the mineral could be profitably worked for this metal only as an article for commercial export for the requirements of the country, however, the present market price of pig lead in Madras, viz., £29-10 (average) per ton offers an ample margin for profitable working to meet these demands if not too limited in amount.

As the Government for Military purposes are large consumers of this material, it would appear to me very desirable that some small works partaking of the nature of exploring operations, but at the same time with the view of supplying their Arsenals, &c., with lead were to be undertaken by the Government, by these means more satisfactory evidence would be obtained upon which to establish works on a larger scale either by the Government on its own account or by any party of adventurers who might think favorably of the circumstances.

I am informed by the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines that 100 tons of lead are annually required for the use of the Army.

In hard ground it is estimated that a vein of lead having width of 3 to 4 inches, or that proportion of ore disseminated can be profitably worked: a heading or gallery five feet in height along such a vein would yield 4,000 lbs. of ore, or somewhat above one ton of metal when reduced for every six feet in length, 200 yards therefore of such a heading, would give 100 tons of metallic lead.

It would be desirable to sink a small shaft at the bottom of which such a heading could be executed; at Coilcontlah arrangements for pumping out the water would be requisite, with two sets of the pumps in use in the Department Public Works, a depth of about 20 yards from the surface might be reached.

It was my intention to have arranged for exploring operations of this nature at Coilcontlah in my late survey; but I was unable to do so without personally superintending such which would have prevented my giving the requisite attention to the other places I required to inspect.

With respect to the establishment of mineral mining in this country, the absence of any class of skilled labor at all approximating to that of the miner must offer a serious drawback with any parties who might on all other considerations think favourably of the circumstances for mining adventures in Southern India.

The preliminary exploring operations undertaken by Government whilst giving some more sure grounds for the establishment of works on an efficient scale would be the commencement of giving a few men some experience in the mechanical part at least of the work.

In the further operation of dealing with the mineral after extraction from the mine consisting of picking, dressing and washing and chiefly of much detail manipulation performed by women and children; the cheap labor of this country would be much in its favour; also as to the smelting and subsequent parting of the silver there are no points from which any difficulty incidental to this country is to be expected; the establishment for such operations would require to be fixed in some central position to draw supplies of ore from the various points, and at the same the supply of timber for fuel; the amount of fuel required for reduction of the ore being 10 to 15 cwt. for each ton of lead reduced.

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### *Iron making at Roodrar.*

The country which may be described under the name of the Roodrar Iron district extends for about 25 miles north of this place; Iron making seems to have been carried on in former times at nearly all the villages immediately skirting the eastern side of the Nullemulla hills.

The following are the names of a few of the places where fur-

naces were in blast or only recently stopped, from local causes at the time of my visit.

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| Sultanpett. | Roodrar. |
| Varsapoor. | Kumbulnoor. |
| Serinapoor. | Madaypoor. |
| Kuddamal Callwa. | Gallchinpollium. |

The ore and fuel are drawn from the neighbouring hills where both exist in considerable quantities, the jungle at each place in these hills that I visited being most dense.

The ore throughout appears to be of one uniform variety, viz., the specular ore often micaceous; it is mostly obtained from near the highest ridge of the ghaut and very far into the jungle, the Natives dig only a few feet below the surface for it, preferring to seek a new spot when the ore becomes compact and difficult to extract; this he is readily enabled to do from the extent it seems distributed.

The best qualities obtained are the rolled stones dug out of the surface soil as in the action by which they have been deposited, they have experienced a sorting in proportion to their specific gravity and are easily gathered.

These rolled fragments appear to exist in greater or less amount over the whole of the eastern side of the hills above Roodrar.

Amongst these hills furnaces are worked during the hot season, the workmen remaining in the jungle during this time and proceeding to the village during the wet weather.

The Bhoy or Hunter caste are the only men that engage in the jungle work.

The ore "in situ" exists in a vein traversing clay, slate and schistose sandstone, which forms the general character of these hills on their eastern side from Cuddapah to the Nundicunnama ghaut.

The ore is brought to the furnace on the backs of buffalos, the charcoal by the coolies engaged in cutting and burning it; the furnace is of the form which appears to be universally copied in the various Iron districts of India, and is described in the reports of the Madras Museum.

The ore is first worked up into rough balls which are cut in two pieces, each piece separately reheated, forged and subsequently welded up into bars of any required size.

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| 1 Buffalo load ore.......... | 75 lbs. | Yield one |
| 3 Cooly „ charcoal... | 108 „ | split ball. |

this is subsequently worked up into a bar of the weight of 10 to 13 lbs.; 5 to 6 being so worked up in a day by the expenditure of 3 cavady loads of bamboo charcoal:—5 men are engaged at the furnace, 2 of whom work the bellows, being relieved at intervals.

Four balls are produced in the ordinary course of things per diem from one furnace.

The merchant pays by advances, &c., to five men who go to the jungle to dig the ore and afterwards work the furnaces; to each man, per mensem Rs. 4, in which time they must deliver him 96 balls.

The coalmen for cutting, burning and delivering the coal for each lot of 4 balls receive one Rupee.

For working up these balls or blooms into bars.

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| One Smith at per diem.................. | 6 | 0 |
| Four Hammermen each at............... | 2 | 8 |

these men work up eleven ½ blooms into merchant bars in the day.

In addition to the above the merchant makes annual presents of:

Rs. 20 to the charcoal burners.

Rs. 6 to the furnace men,

he calculates on receiving 4 to 500 blooms in the season.

His outlay for each lot of 96 blooms will be:

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| Furnace men............ | Rs. 20 |
| Charcoal................. | „ 24 |
| Forgemen............... | „ 10 |
| Coal consumed by ditto... | „ 1 |
| Annual presents.......... | „ 3 |
| | ——58 |
| Interest and Contingencies at 25 per cent.. | 14½ |
| Total Rupees.. | 72½ |

Produce 96 bars selling on the average at Rs. 1 each, Rs. 96.

Notwithstanding the enormous waste both in material and labor consumed, and the high price of the Iron resulting about £20 per ton, the manufacture is carried on both with advantage to the district as well as considerable profit to the merchant supplying the capital, it becomes desirable therefore to consider if some improvement could not be effected in the details of the operation, under the existing system.

The great disadvantage under which the native works, is evidently the inefficient means he has of producing the blast, on this account his furnace is so small in size, and the expenditure of fuel so large.

Near Roodrar in the jungle where I have mentioned that the furnaces are worked during the dry season, there appears to be a good position for the construction of a tank, the water of which might be employed as a source of power, for supplying the blast to a number of these small native furnaces.

The drainage area of supply to this tank is about 16 square miles, this with the average rain fall of 27 inches would, if collected, give $1\frac{1}{2}$ horse power throughout the year for every foot of fall for which the water could be made available.

The valley in the lower part has a fall about 20 feet per mile, and at about 3 miles above the lowest part the tank could be constructed.

At three places therefore there could be established furnaces with water power of 30 horse at each.

With this power not only could an efficient blast be supplied for 50 of these native furnaces, but rolling and shingling mills for working up the blooms for the whole of the furnaces could be wrought at each of the three places along this valley.

Labor in the Roodrar district for Iron making being confined to a particular caste of men is very limited in amount; by the assistance of water power, instead of taking 5 men to each furnace, 2 men could attend at least 3 furnaces for charging and drawing them, the men thus released would engage themselves in collecting ore and fuel.

The consumption of ore and fuel might safely be reckoned upon

being reduced with an efficient blast, the former by one-half and the latter two-thirds the present amount.

It would not be requisite, neither do I think the ground offers the facility to collect the whole of the 16 miles of drainage into one tank at the best site in reference to elevation; a number of small tanks would enable the furnaces to be established to a greater advantage in reference to obtaining supplies, one of these tanks being first established would, at a small expense, be able practically to prove the value of the proposal.

The most ready way of commencing would perhaps be for the Government to take a certain rental for each furnace supplied with air, the renters paying the hire of a native mechanic to attend to the water wheel, &c., its repairs.

The establishment of Government works would, however, I think ultimately prove desirable not only for supplying their own Arsenals, &c., with iron, but also for aiding the introduction of those improvements in the native system which I apprehended must suggest themselves after the application of power to it.

These will consist in the use of fluxes, increase in the size of the furnaces, and eventually in the manufacture of cast iron, of which material many articles in use in the country could be made equally serviceable and at a much cheaper rate.

As Schools of Industrial Art works of the above nature connected with the other branches of skilled labor required for Ordnance and other Government uses, partaking of the character of the Mint, Gun-Carriage Manufactory and similar institutions in operation at the Presidency must greatly tend to the improvement and promote the well being of the natives of this country, if only reasonable grounds can be shown for such establishment being of practical service to and not a burden upon the Government.

That there is a great increasing demand for native iron is shewn by the enormous advance upon its selling price that has gradually taken place during the last twelve months, I am informed that at this place, Bangalore, this has been from Rs. $1\frac{1}{2}$ to Rs. $2\frac{1}{2}$ per maund, the present price.

Native iron must always command a high price in this country,

and for the generality of purposes foreign iron cannot be substituted for it.

In the hands of the Native smith European iron is worked with difficulty, it gets burnt, made brittle and rendered useless, the high price Native Iron commands in the Mofussil in comparison with it, viz., £23 per ton, to £16 at which European iron can be purchased is sufficient evidence of its value.

With respect to the cost of establishing an initial work as proposed near Roodra, I have estimated that a tank having a length of bund of 800 yards and extreme height of 5 yards could be constructed to retain $1\frac{1}{2}$ million cubic yards of water, together with a contour mill channel of $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile in length for an amount Rs. 2,500, a water wheel and fan for a similar amount, if made on the spot, add Rs. 1,000, for contingencies,—Total Rupees 6,000.

The above body of water falling through a height of 20 feet would give during three months of the year for 72 hours of each week an available power of 20 horse.

The saving upon each furnace supplied with air, would be

4 men at Rs. 4 each per mensem or for a season of 3 months Rs. 48.

An annual charge of Rs. 30 on each furnance would require only 20 to be concentrated at this spot (instead of as at present scattered amongst the neighbouring villages) in order to yield a return of 10 per cent. on the outlay above estimated.

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# SELECTIONS.

## *Official Reports on the last Journeys and the Death of* ADOLPHE SCHLAGINTWEIT *in Turkistán, Collected &c. &c.*

BY HERMANN AND ROBERT SCHLAGINTWEIT.

### INTRODUCTION.

IN the following pages we propose to communicate, in a collected form, the various reports which have reached us relative to the last journeys and the melancholy fate of our beloved brother Adolphe Schlagintweit.

The information from India and Russia, collected from Natives by European Officers of the adjoining districts, concur but too accurately in establishing the fact, that Adolphe Schlagintweit was killed at Káshgar in Turkistán (Central Asia) in August 1857, falling a victim to his scientific mission.

He was recognized as a European after having passed the Karakorûm and Küenlüen, in disguise, where before us no European had ever travelled; he had taken a route more westerly than ours and had succeeded in penetrating far into Central Asia.

The reports which have reached us are so various, that they do not of course all agree; as to the immediate cause and particulars of his death; yet it is evident from all of them, that the political condition of these countries, and the circumstance of the deceased's being recognized as an officer of the Indian Government, notwithstanding every precaution, essentially contributed to his tragic end. Even with the lively sympathy ever so energetically evinced by England, in the fate of Scientific Travellers, it will scarcely be possible to succeed in bringing the murderers of our brother to account.

According to some reports he perished in consequence of having taken up the cause of some captive Bhot-Rajpûts, British subjects, interceding for them, that they might not be executed or sold as slaves. Other accounts state the immediate cause of his death was, his having been recognized as a European, and fallen by the hand of fanatic Mussalmáns.

Notwithstanding our most zealous exertions for some months past, in endeavouring to obtain his manuscripts, drawings, etc., we have not yet been successful in learning anything definite about them; still however, many very important geographical communications have been made to us by his followers, and we are not without hope that from the active sympathy which the Indian Government has always displayed in our Scientific Mission to India and High-Asia, nothing will remain untried that can tend to the rescue of his last papers.

We owe the subjoined reports respecting the last fate of Adolphe to the kindness of the following gentlemen:

I. Captain Henry Strachey, 66th Gòrkhas, of Almòra (Himálaya) who, in consequence of his scientific journeys in the Himálayas, and in western Tíbet, was in a position to select the persons on whose reports the most reliance could be placed and who also was particularly enabled, critically to elucidate these reports.

II. G. Knox, Esq., Assistant Commissioner of Kúlu (Himálaya) who in an unexpected manner found an opportunity of making inquiries of the Yarkándi Káttah-Ali-Shah at Nágger, a place so distant from Yarkánd.

III. M. Vardouguine, Russian Consul at Chúguchak (Central Asia) whose report we have received through the kind offices of Baron Budberg at Berlin.

Notwithstanding the enormous distance, we have received these reports in a remarkably short time, through the active sympathy of Prince Gortschakoff.

IV. Lieut. Col. Edwardes, C. B., in whom Adolphe already, when at Pesháur, had found a warm friend, and who, making use of his important political position, has recently with the greatest energy and kindness made every exertion to obtain the latest definite information relative to our ill-fated brother.

In addition to the above, we had repeatedly received general accounts on Adolphe, with expressions of the most cordial sympathy, through the Indian Press, and private communications from the following gentlemen :

The Rev. H. Jäschke, Missionary at Lahól (Himálaya).

A. C. Gumpert, Esq., Consul for Hamburg and Oldenburg at Bombay, and F. Schiller, Esq., Austrian Consul at Calcutta.

Lord Elphinstone, Lord W. Hay, Major Ramsay, the Hon. W. Elliot, L. Bowring, Esq., Private Secretary to Lord Canning, W. Russel, Esq., correspondent of the "Times" during the Indian rebellion, and others.

Notices in their letters which were not included in the Official Reports, have been added either as notes, or in brackets, [], in the text. Our own observations upon the individual Natives furnishing the reports, as well as remarks upon several geographical points, are also given in brackets.

We have further to acknowledge the important assistance we have received in collecting information respecting our deceased brother from Lord Stanley, Col. Sykes, and Sir Roderick Murchison, in England, and from our venerable and most kind friend Baron Humboldt.

I. *Reports collected and Communicated.* By CAPT. HENRY STRACHEY.

1. Verbal Statement of the Native Doctor Hárkíshen*, Almóra August 1858.

Adolphe Schlagintweit crossed the Bára-Lácha Pass from Dárche in Lahol into Rúpchu of Ladák, i. e. from India to Tíbet on the 31st of May 1857 taking with him:

1. Mohámmad Amín, Native of Yárkand, chief Guide,†
2. Yahúdi, Guide to No. 1,
3. Mohámmad Hássan, of Pesháur, Munshi,

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| 4. Abdul, of Kashmir,<br>5. Ghost Mohámmad, of Muradabád, | Domestic Servants etc. |
| 6. Múrli, of Bhágsu in Kangra,<br>7. Máula Baksh, of Muradabád,<br>and others. | Chaprássi's, |

The 1st of these, Mohámmed Amín, was a person of questionable antecedents, nominally a merchant, trading between Yárkand and Leh but said also to have acted in the capacity of a gang-robber on the road between those places.

Being at Leh, in 1856 he was arrested by the Dógra Thanadár Bâsti Ram for debt in the suit of sundry merchants, or for other reasons, and released on the application of Hermann and Robert Schlagintweit, who engaged him to act as guide for their journey

* Dr. Harkíshen, a Bráhman now employed at the hospital at Almóra, is a Native Doctor; he was, alternating with others, attached to our establishments during 2 years, travelling now with the one, then with the other of us three. He also was very useful to us as observer on stations for corresponding observations.

† Remarks on the the transcription of Indian names:

Vowels and diphthongs as in Italian and German. ˘ over *a* and *e* (ă and ĕ) denote an imperfectly formed *a* and *e* as the English *u* in but, and *e* before *r* in herd. Diphthongs are meant to sound like the 2 component vowels combined. Consonants generally as in English; but *h* after a consonant, also after *t* is an aspiration except in *sh* which has its usual sound.—The ' marks the syllable to be accented.

towards Khótan in the summer of that year (the account of which is on record). [Vide the Report No. VIII of the Officers engaged in the Magnetic Survey of India, Agra, Secundra Orphan Press 1857.] On their return to India in the autumn he was discharged and remained at Leh, where he soon got into trouble again with the Dógra Government.

Some say that the Agents of the Chinese Government in Yárkand having heard of his bringing European travellers across their frontier (which is high treason in their Code) offered a reward of 1000 Rupees for his apprehension, and perhaps coerced some of the Kashmíri residents at Yárkand to work upon their friends in Ladák and Kashmír for the same object, which Gulab Singh and Básti Ram possibly also turned to a mercantile transaction.

However this may be Guláb Singh having ordered his arrest and threatened to hang him soon after the Schlagintweit's (H. and R.) departure, he fled from Ladák into Kúlu, where Adolphe S. found him, at Sultanpur, in April 1857.

There had possibly been some previous arrangement between them: Any way A. S. again entertained him as interpreter, guide, and baggage master for another journey into Turkistán.

As a specimen of his veracity, it may be mentioned that he informed Harkíshen that he was to have a monthly salary of 2,000 Rupees whilst travelling with A. S., and a monthly pension of 1,000 Rupees after he had brought him back safe to India. Major Hay Assist. Commiss. of Kúlu probably knows more of Mohámmad Amín's history.

[Mohâmmad Amín, an aged Turkistáni, has rendered us during our expedition to Turkistán most devoted and important services. His manner of treating the Natives, and the cordial reception he met with everywhere, plainly showed that in his own country he was very well known and esteemed and considered as an important person. We essentially owe it to his clever behaviour with the Natives that we made it possible to advance as far as we did.

It may be, that he later named to Adolphe's establishment an exaggerated sum for his pay, perhaps for appearing as a more important person.

Whilst he was with us, all our money transactions, sometimes to a pretty great amount passed through his hands, and we never had the least cause to complain of him.

No. 2. Name not known to Deponent (Harkíshen) [We know this man personally; his name is Murâd; he is a native of Bokhâra. We saw him first in Ladák, after our return from Turkistán; he at this time has given us much valuable information about routes in Central Asia and we always have found him a very trustworthy, respectable native]. He was commonly called "Yahúdi," *i. e.* "the Jew," was a native of Yárkand and dependent of Mohâmmad Amín: they had some baggage ponies with them, and 4 Turkish grooms or baggagemen, all of which were engaged by A. S. for the journey.

No. 3. Mohâmmad Hâssan of Pesháur was engaged by A. S. when he was at that place in December 1856 as a Múnshi, assisting also in scientific observations and accounts.

The last documentary evidence of A. S.'s movements written by himself is a letter to Harkíshen dated from Changchénmo in Ladák 14th June 1857, a postscript to the same, stating that it was not sent till the 24th idem; and one or two notes for sundry payments of money, of the latter date. The letter consists chiefly of instructions to Harkíshen, and of A. S. himself only says: "I am quite well and at present all things seem to go on pretty right," but as it also mentions two Dâk parcels, one for Lt. Charles Hall, (Assist. Commiss. of Bhágsu), sent by the same dispatch for transmission to Kângra, other persons have no doubt received letters from him and the particulars of his history, up to that time.

[We have received none of the letters mentioned. Also the Rev. H. Jäschke, Missionary at Lahól, who received about the same time letters from our brother, copies of which he had the kindness to send us, could not give us any other information about his later movements.]

These documents were brought from Ladâk by the Chaprássis Múrli and Máula Baksh (No. 6 and 7 of the above list) who joined Harkíshen at Kárdong in Lahól on the 20th of July 1857.

It appeared from the statement of these men (made to Harkís-

hen) that before they left A. S. the Múnshi Mohámmad Hássan had deserted, taking with him one of his master's (or Mohámmad Amín's) poneys, some little money, and other articles belonging to A. S. The Chaprássi's were directed to overtake him if they could, recover the property and make it over to Harkíshen in Kúlu: which they succeeded in doing, but leaving the Múnshi himself in Ladák, whence he probably made his way to Kashmír and Pesháur. He gave them a letter for his master, which they brought to Harkíshen, and is still extant among his papers, written in pencil in broken English, excusing his sudden departure on the score of inability to endure the hardship of such a journey any longer, and admitting a balance of 72 Rs., of which he gave the Chaprâssi's his accounts but did not pay the money.

It must be observed that A. S. makes no allusion to all this in his letter to Harkíshen; from which it may perhaps be inferred that he did not attach much importance to the Múnshi's desertion.

Harkíshen when at Déra in November 1857 gathered from Capt. Montgomery of the trigonometrical survey and his Native doctor, that they had been in Ladák during the past summer, and that A. S. had left Leh* before their arrival there, and that they knew nothing more of him.

From the locality of his last dispatch, Changchénmo (which may be seen in my map at the N. E. end of Ladâk), I infer that he crossed the Turkish water shed to the east of the Karakorùm Pass, properly speaking perhaps to Súget, thence following approximatively the route taken by his brothers the year before, towards Kílian and Khótan.

It appears that he had laid in a stock of merchandize in India, with the view of facilitating his journey by trade or the appearance of it.

[We also had with us instead of money, chiefly merchandize, rich Indian cloth, silks, etc.]

2. *Statement made by Bhútias from Johàr Almôra, August* 1858.

From the Bhútias of Johâr who got their information from Kash-

* Adolphe had not been in Leh during this journey.

míris of Ladák at the Gârtok fair in the Autumn of 1857, I heard that Adolphe Schlagintweit had succeeded in reaching the margin of the inhabited country at the foot of the Mountains [north of the Küenlüen]. There he went out from his camp some way to reconnoitre, and in his absence the guide Mohámmad Hássan absconded, with most of the baggage and cattle*, towards Yárkand. Adolphe Schlagintweit being left helpless, sent back some of the Ladâki baggagemen he had brought with him with a letter or message to the Thanadâr of Leh requesting him to send assistance in men, cattle, provisions and money; whether for the purpose of continuing his attempt to penetrate into Turkistán or merely to return to Ladák with less hardship, does not appear.

When his messengers arrived at Leh they found Básti Ram's son in authority there; the Thanadàr himself being away in Kashmír. The son is said to have refused the required assistance: more likely, in fact, he was too silly and timid to act upon his own responsibility, and referred for instructions to his father or Gulâb Singh in Kashmír, at the expense of great delay and danger to Adolphe Schlagintweit.

3. *Information contained in the Delhi Gazette and general remarks of Capt. Strachey. Summer* 1858.

The following accounts are derived from letters which have been published during the summer 1858 in the *Delhi Gazette*, from a correspondent of that paper apparently at Simla, and deriving his information from merchant travellers from Ladák.

From these it may be gathered that Adolphe Schlagintweit, passed the winter of 1857-58 at the foot of the mountains [of the Küenlüen] on the border of Khótan, on this side of the Chinese outposts; among the same tribe of shepherds, perhaps who gave his brothers a friendly reception the year before. On his arrival there the provinces of Káshgar and Yárkand were in a very disturbed state, from one of those invasions of the Turks from Kó-

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* Besides the animals of burden : horses and yaks, travellers in these regions are always obliged to take with them a living stock of sheep, goats, etc. for their support. Yak is the name of the Tibetan Ox=Bos gruniens.

kand which have been recurring periodically every 10 or 20 years during the past century.

On these occasions the foreign invaders being joined by the Turks of the country, usually succeed in driving the Chinese Garrisons into their forts and subverting the celestial government for a time, till reinforcements come from the Chinese Provinces further east, when the rabble of Turks soon becomes disorganized, the Kokándis retire to their own country and the people of Yárkand and Káshgar are left to settle their own accounts with the Chinese, which is sometime done by wholesale massacres of the Turks of those cities.

The invaders are commonly headed by one of the Khójahs of Andishán of the family which ruled at Káshgar before the Chinese conquest (about 100 years ago), and who still aspire to the recovery of their former dominions.

An unsuccessful invasion and rebellion of the Turks as here described occurred when I was (Capt. H. Strachey) in Ladák in 1847-48; on the present occasion the result is said to have been the same.

So long as the Chinese were in the ascendant, Adolphe Schlagintweit would have had little chance of penetrating the inhabited country to so great a distance: they have outposts on all the roads across their frontier; from the rarity of population and traffic, individuals are easily marked; and Adolphe Schlagintweit would hardly be able to barbarize himself enough to bear scrutiny.

An European traveller attempting to pass any of these outposts would probably be stopped and turned back, and extra precautions taken against him all along the frontier, but if detected after penetrating the inhabited country to any distance he would more probably be murdered.

The English and Kokándis are generally speaking in no hostile relations, and from his own successful antecedents in Yárkand, Adolphe Schlagintweit might possibly meet a friendly reception there. On the other hand, the Kokándis are (as usual with the Turks of his country) on bad terms with all their neighbours, including the Russians, who are steadily encroaching on their North-

West frontier; this would add to his difficulties in leaving their country again.

4. *Report from Màni and Nàin Singh. Almóra, Jan.* 1859.

[Máni and Náin Singh, Bhot-Rajpúts from the highest valleys of the Himálaya have been during 2 summers in our service; Máni also went with us to Turkistán, whilst Náin Singh (with the native doctor Harkíshen) remained at the magnetic observatory at Leh. We always found them most faithful servants; they also were of great assistance to us by their knowledge of the Tibetan and by their clever and prudent behaviour towards the Natives.]

Máni and Náin Singh from Mílum in Johár, left Adolphe Schlagintweit at Pesháur in January 1857, and returned to their own country during the next three months making a few observations by the way, after this they had no further communication with Adolphe Schlagintweit, excepting only by a message sent in March 1857 through Captain H. Strachey, 66th Górkhas, which requested Máni to join Adolphe Schlagintweit again either at Kángra in April or later in Ladák, which however Máni did not attempt.

Going as usual to the Gártok fair in the summer of 1857, Máni heard only some vague reports about Adolphe Schlagintweit from traders from Ladák, the substance of which *is* already given.

In December 1857, Máni received a packet of a hypsometer, thermometers and other instruments with notes from Herman Schlagintweit through Mr. B. Colvin, Assistant Commissioner of Kamáon. These had been sent from Calcutta in April of that year but owing to the disturbed state of affairs in Upper India soon after, and Máni's absence in Tíbet, their delivery was delayed till his return to Johár at the end of the year. He made little or no use of these instruments, and ultimately returned them to me (Captain Strachey).

In September 1858, Máni being again at the Gártok fair, got some further information about Adolphe Schlagintweit chiefly from Núrpur, a native of Súnam in Kanáur, trading to Ladák and Yárkand. This person was himself at Yarkand in 1857. When Adolphe Schlagintweit arrived in that quarter, the Turks of Kókand were already at or near the city. Adolphe Schlagintweit

himself did not enter the town but his chief guide Mohámmad Amín* did so and left it again either before or during the siege, under what relations with his own master or with the insurgent Turks was not known to informant.

As the siege continued and the Chinese were shut up in their citadel, they obliged the inhabitants of the place to take part in the fighting among others a lot of foreign merchants including about forty-five (45) of the Bisséris of whom fifteen (15) only returned, informant Núrpur being one of them; the rest were either killed or made prisoners by the Turks.

After the siege was raised, informant heard that Adolphe Schlagintweit had joined the camp of the Turks, and been at first well received by them; on their retreat towards Kókand, he accompanied them as far as Káshgar. As the hordes of Turks were carrying off with them a lot of their prisoners to be kept or sold for slaves (according to their custom) some of the Bisséris† being among the number, Adolphe Schlagintweit tried to assist them, remonstrated that they were British subjects and should be released. On this arose a dispute; the Turks accused Adolphe Schlagintweit of taking part with their enemies and ended by killing him.

Máni also said that Núrpur had certificates from the Chinese authorities of Yárkand, testifying his services in the siege, and promising him some reward at a future opportunity.

The above account of the Bisséri Nurpur was confirmed by 'Omar an 'Argon‡ of Ladák who had received letters from his friends at Yárkand to the same effect.

II. *Information received from* G. KNOX, ESQ., *Assistant Commissioner of Kúlu.*

5. *Verbal Statement of Kattah Ali Shah from Yárkand. Nagger in Kúlu,* 28*th September* 1858.

Last year in the month of Sévan (July 1857) viz. 14 months ago,

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* According to the more probable information by 'Abdul communicated later, it was not Mohámmad Amín, but Murád, who entered the city to get information.

† In whose country we had been much travelling about.

‡ Argon is the name of the mixed races of Yarkándis and Ladákis.

the Andishánis* came to Yarkand to fight with the Chinese, and I went to Kárgalik, two days' journey south of Yárkand. The Andishánis took me and all the Panjábis, Kabulis, Kashmíris and Hindostánis, in all some 40 or 50 persons, prisoners; at that time two Andishánis and a Múnshi were accompanying a Sahib who was coming from the Ladák side; these three men ran away with the Sáhib's property and came to Kárgalik; there they stopped in the house of one Kurbán and they said to him, we have some property for sale, do you take it? When we had sent for the property and examined it, he found it to consist of 12 or 14 yards of valuable embroidered cloth, a number of ordinary cloth and some other property also, but I did not see it with my own eyes. Kurbán having seen the things, went and reported the fact to Háji Mísser, Kardár of the Andishánis, saying that these men were poor and had nothing of their own, and that they must have robbed this from somebody. Háji Mísser sent for them and intimidated them, questioning as to where they got the property and whose it was.

They at first asserted the property was their own, but when threatened severely, they stated that Mohámmad Amín had brought a (Feringhi),† and that they had stolen these articles and were escaping with them. Háji Mísser asked where the Feringhi was, they replied: "God knows, he was on his way to Yárkand; if he has gone there he will have arrived at the village of Kílian." Háji Mísser therefore sent 2 or 3 of his own men, and told them to go and fetch the Sáhib, they therefore went to Kílian and brought the Sáhib from thence to Kárgalik, and Mohámmad Amín was also with them.

[It may be surprising that it was not Mohámmad Amín they should have selected as interpreter at the following interview. But we only could speak ourselves through interpreters with Mohámmad Amín; he knows besides his Native language, the Turkish, only a little of the Tibetan and rather more of the Persian language, but no Hindostáni whatever. Our Interpreter, whilst travelling with him in Turkistán, was Makshút, a Native of India,

* Andishán is a large town, situated east of Kókand.

† Feringhi is in India and Central Asia the general designation of an European, the word being a modification of Franc.

now settled in Ladák as landed proprietor, who knows very well Turkish, Persian, besides Hindostani and Tibetan; our chief Tibetan Interpreter was Máni. Both Makshút and Máni, had formerly been travelling with the Stracheys in their expeditions to Tibet; Makshut, now a pretty aged man, was also at one time the companion of Moorcroft. Our brother's Interpreter seems to have been the run away Múnshi; also Abdúllah is missing here.]

Nobody understood the Sáhibs speech in the country, they searched therefore for somebody who could understand him, in hope of finding some one who could understand Hindostáni or Panjábi. I was in confinement and they took me to the place. Háji Mísser told me to ask the Sáhib why he had come there. I asked the Sáhib, he replied that there was Shazádah, son of Mohámmad Shah, living in the Andishán country, and he had visited him (Mr, Schlagintweit in Lahór and said "do you come to Andishán, Sáhib and I will establish friendly relations between the Naváb of Andishán and the Sáhibs, that it was on this account that he was on his way to Andishán." Háji Mísser confiscated all the Sáhib's property and put the Sáhib in confinement, and sent him to Zúllah Khan, a principal Sirdár. When they put the Sáhib in confinement he said to me: "no one here understands my language, and my belief is, that these people will kill me, should you go to that side of the country, by Kúlu, tell this matter to Hay Sáhib; if you go by Kashmír tell it to whatever Sáhib you meet." After this the Sáhib went away. On the day that the Sáhib went to Sirdár Zúlluh Khan, on the same day the Chinese force came to fight with the Andishánis, and the Andishánis fought for half an hour and then ran away and took the Sáhib with them. When the Chinese force came all the Andishán Kardárs ran away, and we forty or fifty men who were in confinement got free. I afterwards heard the Dil Khan, the great chief of the Andishánis had taken the Sáhib's property and put him to death, but I only heard this from the report of travellers of Kásgar and Yárkand, I did not see it with my own eyes.

Question: Do you know any thing of the property of the Sáhib or his servants?

Answer: No, I do not know any thing about them. I only saw

the Sáhib and Mohámmad Amín Móghul*), some also said that Mohammad Amín had been killed, others that he was alive, others that he had his nose and ears cut off.

III. *Information received from the "Department Asiatique" of St. Petersburgh through Baron Budberg, Russian Minister at Berlin.*

6. *Letter from Mr. Vardouguine, Russian Consul at Chúguchak. Chúguchak,*† 31*st December* 1858, (11*th January* 1859).

Although the following informations must tend to increase the general sympathy which is felt in the fate of the renowned and universally respected traveller Adolphe Schlagintweit, they unfortunately offer no consolation to his brothers.

In the autumn of 1857 at the time of the insurrection against the Chinese in Turkistán which was headed by Búzruk Khan, a nephew of Jehángir Háji, a Ferínghi (European) came to Turkistán from India‡ giving himself out for a merchant.

Having received the permission of the Chinese Authorities to proceed to Káshgar, the traveller unfortunately arrived on the day when Búzruk Khan made his entrance into the town. The next day, he presented himself before the latter to obtain his permission to extend his journey into Kókand; Búzruk Khan, however takink him for a Chinese spy caused him to be murdered. It has becn asserted that he declared to Búzruk Khan, before his death, that his murder should not remain unpunished as no means would be neglected to find him.

This report has occasioned a belief in the country that "this European was a person of high importance, belonging to the Feringhis who govern India," (*i. e.*, that he was an Indian officer.)

It is also asserted that the four Europeans composing his retinue§ were also murdered.

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* Mógul is the general designation of the Turks in Central Asia.

† Chúguchak, 46° 9' N. Lat. 83° 7' Long. E. from Greenwich is a Russian station south of the Záisang Lake.

‡ The name Sikemarata here given as the name of a little town, from which he is supposed to have come, must refer to the country of the Sikhs, the Panjáb. We are unacquainted with any town bearing this or a similar name.

§ This appears to be an error. He had no European attendants.

The person through whose agency I obtained these details did not know whether he was also accompanied by Mussalmáns. All the effects of this traveller are said to have been taken by Búzruk Khan, on his return to Kókand.

It is further reported that this traveller came from India intending to proceed through Tíbet to Kókand, or, in the event of being prevented from doing so, to return as he had come. His name is unknown. All that I can learn respecting him is that he was very tall [at least in comparison with the much smaller races of Central Asia.]

I obtained these statements on inquiring of the headman of a large caravan from that place whether any Europeans had fallen in the rebellion in Turkistán.

Unfortunately the statements I received especially as to the routes* agree but too well with the points to which my attention was directed as being essential ones in reference to the person into whose identity I was commissioned by the Asiatic Department in November (No. 4160) to make investigations.

7. *Second Report from Mr. Vardouguine forwarded to Baron Budberg by Mr. George Kowalewski, St. Petersburgh 2nd (14th) March* 1859.

The Prince Gortschakoff has already communicated in his despatch to your Excellency (Baron Budberg) of the 10th (22nd) of February, some information which Mr. Vardouguine, acting as our Consul at Chúguchak had forwarded to him, and which appear to have some bearing on the fate of Mr. Schlagintweit. According to a fresh report, dated 24th January (25th February,) from the same official, it would appear that this ill-fated traveller had not four, but only three companions who did not share his fate but saved themselves. Mr. Vardouguine brings forward a circumstance which, however indefinite it may seem, may still not be without weight for those who personally knew Mr. Schlagintweit, in establishing his identity. The traveller who is said to have been

* Our letters, in consequence of which Prince Gortschakoff had the kindness to institute inquiries, contained indications about the details of our brother's possible routes to Turkistán, and also about those which he might have adopted to reach the Russian territories.

killed, is described as having a mole (tâche naturelle) under his right eye.

[Our brother certainly had no such mole, but it is not impossible that some scarred wound, of which we knew nothing, might be meant.]

In communicating this information, M. le Baron, I consider it useless to observe how little credence it deserves. The inhabitants of those distant regions where they were collected, generally speaking, make no scruple of modifying their reports at pleasure, especially when Europeans are concerned.

IV. *Reports collected by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Edwardes, C. B., Commissioner and Superintendent Pesháur Division.*

8. *Letter to R. Temple, Esq., Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of the Panjáb. Pesháur* 18*th December* 1858.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

I am not aware whether the Chief Commissioner has yet received a reliable account of the circumstances attending the death of the German traveller Mr. Adolphe Schlagintweit; but at any rate it will be satisfactory to Government, and his friends, to be able to compare the enclosed narratives of the sad events.

The first No. 9 is the verbal statement of a Kashmíri follower of Mr. Schlagintweit's named Abdúllah*, who arrived here viâ Bokhára and Kábul three days ago (15th December 1858).

The second No. 10 is the written report of a native of Yárkand†, named Mohámmad Amín, who appears to have been provided by Lord William Hay, as a kind of courier to Mr. Adolphe Schlagintweit. He writes from Kókand and Abdúllah is the bearer of his letter.

From these statements, which appear to me substantially, trustful, it seems that Mr. Schlagintweit was impelled by a desire to find a road to Yárkand which need not pass through Ladák;

* His full name is Abdúllah Mohámmad.

† In the official report Mohámmad Amín was called a native of Ladák, what we altered, since we knew Mohámmad Amín, who was also our chief guide in the previous during our travels in Turkistán, to be a native of Yárkand. Adolphe had however not seen him, he having left us at Leh in Ladák.

that he reached Yárkand; found that country harried by crescentaders from Kókand; and passed on to Káshgar, where the same fanatical raids were going on, and the leader of one of them, a Sáyad named Váli Khan, seized Mr. Schlagintweit and barbarously caused him to be beheaded, without any other offence apparently than that of being a foreigner.

If anything could soothe the distress of Mr. Schlagintweit's friends in Europe, it would surely be the noble contrast between the enlightened purpose and humane search for knowledge, which bore him into those wilds with his life in his open hand, and the barbarians frenzy for the propagation of error by the blood of his fellow-men.

I have sent by separate parcel a slip of paper, and a broken pocket telescope, which were the only relics Abdúllah could bring away with him.

[We have received these objects.—The handwriting on the slip of paper is sure to be that of our brother; but it is beyond all doubt that it had been written not during his travels in Turkistán; it is dated "Pesháur" and is probably written in December 1856. It seems to be a thrown away label, probably on account of being indistinctly written, belonging to an object of his ethnographical collections.

The telescope which 'Abdul says to have been bought from one of the people, who robbed our brother's property was certainly not his; it looks as if it had been purchased in a native bazar of Pesháur, and it is of so rude external appearance, that our brother cannot even have taken it with him as an object of present for natives; it only magnifies 1½ times and gives very badly defined images.

We have communicated to Colonel Edwardes our well founded doubts that these objects should have been amongst our brother's property in Turkistán and we have requested him again to cross-examine Abdúllah, and to keep at the same time in mind the improbability of his statements, at least in reference to these objects.]

9. *Verbal statement given by the Kashmíri Abdúllah an attendant on Mr. Adolphe Schlagintweit.*

About two years ago when the Amír of Kábul came to pay a visit* to Pesháur, Mr. Adolphe Schlagintweit the surveyor was in Pesháur, and I was employed under him as a Sepoy of the guard. On the Amír's return to Kábul, Mr. Adolphe Schlagintweit went to Kohát, and thence viâ Kalabágh and Déra Ismáel Khán to Lahór, where having purchased necessary things for the journey the set out for Bhágsu (*i. e.* Dharamsála the head quarters of the Kângra District). Here he left half the Government property he had in his charge, and with the other half he went to Kúlu and Sultánpur. Here he got acquainted with Mohámmed Amín of Yárkand whom Lord William Hay had sent for the purpose.

Mohámmad Amín was obliged to go for protection to Lord William Hay to be safe from Guláb Singh's prosecution. (See Capt. Strachey's Report.)

Also the officer [named Basti Ram], who was posted to Ladák as a Thanadár by Maharája Guláb Singh†, bore very ill feelings towards Mohámmad Amín, because the latter had shown to Europeans, to the brothers of my master, the way to Yarkánd.

My master (Mr. Adolphe Schlagintweit) stopped at Sultánpur for some days with a view to arrange with Mohàmmad Amín for the journey. He then sent his baggage under the care of Mohàmmad Amín to Kóthi Kárnung, and he with myself, Doctor Harkíshen, and Gosht Mohámmad Butler went viâ Búngal to Kóthi Karnung. Here he halted 5 days, sent his Múnshi Ramchárn, and 2 Chaprássi's to Kashmír, purchased 60 horses and provisions, and with Munshi Mohámmad Hássan a native of Pesháur, Dr. Harkíshen, Gosht Mohámmad Khánsamah, myself, and Mohámmad Amín of Yárkand and his 3 followers proceeded to Ladák. When we reached a place 3 days journey from Leh, Mohámmad Amín pointed out to the Sáhib a road viâ Sirikúl to Kókand by which he suggested to Mr. Schlagintweit to proceed. Mr. Schlagintweit consented to this proposal, dismissed Dr. Harkíshen, 2 Chaprássi's and 2 others employed in the survey office to return to Hindostán (India), sent

* This official visit took place end of December 1856. Our brother Adolphe was then in the suite of Sir John Lawrence, when he had his interview with Dost Mohámmad Khan at Jamrúd near Pesháur.

† Guláb Singh the King of Kashmír, died in August 1857; his successor is his son Rámbir Singh.

one Chaprássi with his heavy baggage to Ladák, and he himself with Mohámmad Amín and some other followers went to Chúsel [near the Lake Tsomognalarí, the great salt Lake of Pangkóng.] There he hired 60 porters and with them set out.

After three days journey Munshi Mohámmad Hássan of Pesháur having taken a horse out of Mr. Schlagintweit's stable away at night ran away and carried away with him his book of accounts. Mr. Schlagintweit sent to search after him a man, named Ráhiman, a native of Bálti, and lent him a horse to ride on; but he also never returned. Mr. Schlagintweit halted 3 days in the same uninhabited country and then taking Mohámmad Amín and 2 natives of Tíbet went to discover the way. By means of a telescope he at last found a way, and started with his baggage, but in reality we missed the proper route, and after a weary journey came by the side of two small lakes, the water in one of which was reddish, and in the other greenish, but both bitter [saline,] so that all his followers through despair began to lament and sigh to return.

[The difficulties of travelling, here described, perfectly agree with what we had to experience ourselves during our passage over the chains of the Karakorûm and the Küenlüen. We had to travel without any trace of a road, 21 days and had not met with one man. In these great elevations, 15,000 to 18,000 E. feet, we found no wood, extremely scarce food for our horses and scarcely drinkable water in sufficient quantity.]

Upon this Mr. Schlagintweit dismissed some Tibetans together with one Chaprássi by name Múrli. He then with myself, Mohámmad Amín of Yárkand and his 3 followers, Gosht Mohámmad Khánsamah and 2 Tibetans resumed his journey, and on his way met with only a single house situated in a deserted tract of country from which the city of 'Elchi, the capital of Khotan, was distant by 3 days journey.

On our going with Mr. Schlagintweit from Sultánpur to Yárkand. our way lay through an uninhabited country; for our master had selected a new route and marked it with stones as he went along and drew a sketch of it.

This was a way, which led straight to Yárkand, without passing through Leh; but with the exception of a few inhabited huts [on

the Tibetan, southern side of the Karakorúm] in some places, the whole of the tract was an entire wilderness. Mr. Schlagintweit, however, did not proceed from this single house situated at 3 days marches from 'Elchi, to the direction of this city, but turned towards Súget where he stayed 3 days. Mohámmad Amín here again urged upon Mr. Schlagintweit not to proceed to Yárkand, but to Sirikúl, and thence on to Kókand. Mr. Schlagintweit consequently set out for Sirikúl.

On the 3rd day he came up to the summit of a Pass where the night we arrived snow fell to a great extent; the horses that he had brought with him were all taken away by the servants of Mohâmmad Amín, but we next morning went in pursuit of the robbers, and Mohámmad Amín with one of his servants who was a Jew also accompanied us. [This must have been Murád.]

We at last recovered 7 horses from the thieves, and sent Mohámmad Amín and his servant ahead to search for the rest. Mohámmad Amín had not instigated his men to rob our Sáhib of his horses, but they of their own accord had done the deed. On our return we asked Mr. Schlagintweit to retire down the Pass in order to be safe from the severity of the cold, and to get provisions. He accordingly descended from the Pass and reached Shúmla Khója, where Mohámmad Amín also came up with the 3 remaining horses, which had been stolen, and dispatched his servant by name Murád, the Jew, to Yárkand, to bring information of the wars that were then going on there. The Jew returned and reported that it was the Khan of Kókand who had been making war. We therefore without hesitation set out for Yárkand, and sent Gosht Mohámmad Khánsamah under the care of a Caravan back to Kángra, with a present of a horse valued at 200 Rupees, besides 200 Rupees in cash, and an order for 300 Rupees on Kángra.

[Also Mohámmad Amín mentions nearly quite the same about Gosht Mohámmad being dispatched to India and about the sums he received in cash and in a draft on Kángra.

Fully aware of the danger of his positions, Adolphe most probably had sent him to Kángra for taking charge of and for deli-

vering there observations, drawings and collections, and he also gave him the rather large amount mentioned above for enabling him to get these objects down to Kángra.

Till now we have not heard anything about Gosht Mohámmad; but we have written immediately to Kángra and to Muradabád (his native place) requesting, that the most careful inquiries after him might be made.]

We passed through Kárgalik and Bozgán and arrived at the camp of Dil Khan Sáyad of Kókand who had come with an armed multitude to make a religious war with Yárkand. His camp lay outside the city, and about an hour after our arrival, the army of the Khatáis* which formed the garrison of the city came out to encounter the besiegers on the open field and routed them, and obliged Dil Khan to fly. Mr. Schlagintweit likewise leaving all his baggage there, fled with his followers to Négsar, and thence went to Káshgar. Here another Sáyad of Kókand named Váli Khan who had likewise come on a religious expedition had succeeded in getting the throne of Káshgar; Mr. Schlagintweit desired an interview with him, but it was refused and a guard was sent to apprehend us.

They accordingly carried us prisoners into the presence of Váli Khan, who ordered Mr. Schlagintweit to be beheaded, and so the order was instantly carried out. Váli Khan did not ask any question of Mr. Schlagintweit before his murder, and he was executed outside the city of Káshgar. He was allowed no burial, but a man, named 'Atta Báe, a native of Yárkand, had collected his bones, and Mohámmad Amín assured me, that he would send them over to India viâ Ladák. This tragedy occurred about 17 months ago [August 1857].

Váli Khan then sent me, and Mohámmad Amín of Yárkand, and Murád a Jew, and a native of Tíbet to prison; and afterwards sold me as a slave to a man called Túzak for 25 Rupees by reason of my being a native of India.

A month after an army of Khatais came and expelled Sáyad Váli Khan of Kókand together with the inhabitants of Káshgar,

* Khatái is the name given to the Chinese in Turkistán.

who took refuge in Kókand. I also accompanied [the fugitives, and on my arrival at Kókand a Sáyad of Pesháur by name Mián Khalíl procured me freedom by paying to my master Túzak the amount which he had paid for me.

After I was set at liberty I stopped in Kókand for 10 months, during which time I sent three petitions to the king intimating that Mr. Schlagintweit had been murdered, and praying that justice might be done to him. But the king of Kókand, without giving me any reply, tore up all my petitions. When I was in Kókand, it was the season of winter and consequently I never went out to see the country.

I met Mohámmad Amín of Yárkand at Kókand who advised me to return to India, and said that he would again apply to the King of Kókand for justice in the case of Mr. Schlagintweit.

Meanwhile the King of Bokhára prepared to make an inroad on Kókand, upon which, fearing bad consequences from a longer stay at Kókand I went to Bokhára.

On my departure from Kókand, Mohámmad Amín gave me a Persian letter for delivery to Colonel Edwardes in Pesháur, which I now present.

From Bokhára I came to Balkh, from Balkh to Kábul, and from Kábul to Pesháur.

10. *Letter from Mohámmad Amín of Yárkand, to Colonel Edwardes, dated Kókand, 29th July*, 1858.

I went to Sultánpur, then to Lahól and over a Pass reached Rúpchu.

Here two roads diverge, one leading to Leh, and the other to Chúsel. My master asked me to direct the way to Aksáe Chin, we consequently proceeded thither and passed through Changchenmo and having crossed a high ridge, [this is the Karakorúm chain] we came up to the road leading to Aksáe Chin*. We arrived at a place, whereabout 2 forts were situated. The one was said to have belonged to Sikánder and was situated on the flanks of the Yu-

* It is very characteristic of Mohámmad Amín to see, how little he complains, compared with 'Abdul, about the difficulties of the road.

rungkásh Pass. [We ourselves have also passed with Mohámmed Amín through Sikánder Mokám on the 18th of August 1856. It is a small now deserted fort; it seems never to have been anything else but a fortified place and was never permanently inhabited. Alexander the Great after whom it is named, is well known to the inhabitants of Turkistán, partly in historical, partly in more fabulous form; his name appears several times in geographical terminology]. The other fort lay on the banks of the Karakásh which is one of the streams that flow through Khótan.

Travelling along the Karakásh river [and after having crossed the Küenlün] we came down the main stream of Khótan and passed through Shaidúlla Kóhja which was intersected by two roads one connecting Yárkand with Tíbet, and the other leading to Tashkorgán, Osh and Kókand.

We halted at Shaidúllah Khoja for five days. It was 20 days' journey from this to Osh viâ Tashkorgán, and 5 days' journey to Yárkand.

Mr. Schlagintweit told me that the way through Tashkorgán and Osh was very long, and that to Yárkand comparatively short, and that he would take the latter. I remonstrated that the latter was a dangerous, and the former a safe way. He then sent Murád the Jew to bring information from Yárkand. The Jew returned after 8 days in the company of eight caravans, and reported that the Khan of Kókand had wrested from the people of Khatáis [Chinese] the provinces of Káshgar and Yárkand.

I however discredited the report, and said to Mr. Schlagintweit that the real Khan of Kòkand would never undertake such a distant expedition; but that since 12 years some of the Bára Sáhibs [great men] of Kókand, who were Sáyads by birth, having collected vagabond outlaws, and all sorts of ragamuffins, made frequent inroads on Káshgar, and sometimes succeeded in defeating its Governors, and occupying their throne, and at other times were repulsed by the Chinese army, and obliged to retreat, that one of them Chíkchik Khója had once fallen into the hands of the army of Khatáis, and was since in confinement; and that, I added, if wars were going on at Káshgar, they must have been waged by these Sáyad fanatics, and not by the Khan of Kokand.

Mr. Schlagintweit nevertheless persisted on going to Yárkand [since the road to Kóshgar and Kókand was equally dangerous on account of the disturbances coming from this direction, and since at the same time the distance to these places was much greater]. He sent back Gosht Mohámmad Khánsamah in company with a caravan to Kángra, and made him a present of 300 Rupees in cash, and an order for Rupees 300 on Kángra.

We then set out for Yárkand; on our approach the inhabitants of that place treated with great courtesy, and furnished us with provisions; Mr. Schlagintweit also gave them presents suitable to their several ranks and deserts.

From thence we proceeded to Káshgar which was then occupied by a Khója of Kókand who had defeated the original Governor and wrested from him his provinces, but the army of Khatáis was also encamped outside the city, and laid siege to a Fort called Gul-Bágh situated about a mile from the town.

The Mussalmáns of the garrison every day came out and gave them battle. The fight was going on when we arrived; the Mussalmáns asked who we were, Mr. Schlagintweit replied that he was the Honorable East India Company's Envoy and was going to the Khan of Kókand.

Upon this they got into a rage and ordered Mr. Schlagintweit to be beheaded, and I with my followers to be thrown into prison, and plundered of all our property. In 35 days of our confinement my two servants died, and the third was missing.

Meanwhile the army of Khatáis having been reinforced from Máha Chin* overpowered the Khója, and obliged him to fly, I consequently got my release, placed the remains of Mr. Schlagintweit in charge of Murád for safe custody and proceeded to Kókand.

I have been 8 months in Kókand; and as the way to Káshgar remained blockaded during that time, and no traveller could pass to and fro, I could send no message to you; however lately Envoys have been sent and received from Káshgar and peace restor-

* Máha Chin, *i. e.* Great China or China Proper, in comparison to the Chinese Province of Turkistán.

ed; and the Khan of Kókand has deputed a man named 'Aka Sikál to Káshgar to bring about the state of affairs on the old footing. I shall therefore shortly leave for Káshgar, and, having taken the remains of Mr. Schlagintweit, shall proceed to Pesháur.

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*Dated Berlin,* 15*th March* 1859.

SIR,

Lord Stanley, the Secretary of State for Indian in Council, has been kindly pleased to send us for our information a most carefully compiled collection of official papers and memoranda, which the Government of India as well as several Civil and Military Officers have been good enough to collect in the hope of elucidating the fate of our brother Adolphe Schlagintweit, in charge of the Magnetic Survey of India since 1854.

The papers contain:

1. A large and most elaborate Memorandum, which Captain Henry Strachey, 66th Gorkhas, has given himself the great trouble to compile partly from evidences of several Natives partly from notes contained in the Indian Newspapers. This memorandum is accompanied by another most valuable communication, the result of Captain Strachey's indefatigable personal inquiries.

2. Letters from the Dewan of Kashmir to the Chief Commissioner of the Punjâb.

3. Several evidences taken by Major Lake and Messrs. Knox and Taylor, the Civil Officers of the Kangra District.

Besides these official letters the following gentlemen obliged us by private communications:

*a.* Rev. H. Jäschke, Missionary at Kyelong in Lahoul with whom, before starting for Ladak, Adolphe had the pleasure of staying some weeks. The Rev gentleman also was kind enough to take charge of part of his luggage and of such spare instruments as Adolphe did not think advisable to take with him on his journey to the North.

*b.* A. C. Gumpert, Esq., Consul of Hamburg and Odenburg at Bombay who had kindly put himself in communication with several

Officers of the Punjáb and regularly forwarded us the results of his inquiries.

*c.* Lord Elphinstone, Lord William Hay, Major Ramsay, Hon'ble W. Elliot, L. Bowring, Esq., W. Russel, Esq., the particularly well informed special correspondent of the "Times," and some other gentlemen, equally obliged us, when occasion presented itself, with their advice and information in addition to that which we owed to the Indian Press. In England especially Col. Sykes, M. P., and Sir Roderick Murchison communicated to us any letters they had rec ved ; in Germany it was chiefly our celebrated and most kind friend, Baron Humboldt, who assisted us in making our inquiries.

From an examination of these papers there is but too much reason to fear that Adolphe Schlagintweit has lost his life in Central Asia, probably in Kashgar after having left Yarkand.

Captain Strachey's last memoir, Almora, January 1858, says:

"After the siege of Yarkand was raised, Adolphe Schlagintweit "had joined the camp of the Turks and accompanied them as far "as Kashgar. As they were carrying off with them a lot of their "prisoners to be sold for slaves, some of the Bissahirs being "among the number, Adolphe Schlagintweit remonstrated that "they were British subjects and should be released. On this "arose a dispute. The Turks accused Adolphe Schlagintweit of "taking part with their enemies and ended by killing him."

A quite recent letter December 31st, 1858, (January 11th, 1859,) from Mr. Vardouguine, Russian Officiating Consul at Tchougoutchak in the Russian part of Central Asia, seems also to confirm his death. We received this letter through the energetic exertions of Prince Gortschakoff, and it was delivered to us by Baron Budberg, the Russian Minister at Berlin. This letter had taken an admirably short time to reach us, being the answer to a request of November 8th, 1858. In this letter he is said to have been killed by order of Bouzrook Khan from Kokand who had besieged Kashgar and invaded Turkistan.

We feel most deeply obliged for all these numerous proofs of general sympathy in Europe and India, and we allow ourselves to

draw the attention of our friends in India to the fact, that even now it will not be quite impossible to save at least through their zeal a great part of his journals, observations, instruments and collections, which are the more valuable on account of the countries in which they were made.

Captain Henry Strachey states, that according to information he received, several boxes with collections, drawings, books and some instruments are in Dehra in the Surveyor General's Office; the Missionaries of Lahoul have informed us, that similar objects are still left in their charge; we do not think it improbable that even those, which Adolphe Schlagintweit carried with him, during his travels in Turkistan, might be recovered by a plan we have the honor to propose.

We are perfectly aware, that these objects cannot be got without Government's usual energetic assistance, and without the sanctioning the comparatively small expenses necessary for this purpose. In consequence of the following extract of a letter addressed to us by the India House as early as July 1858, we consider it our duty, again officially to request the kind assistance of Government.

The letter says:

" With reference to the letter addressed by General Sabine to " the Secretary of the Royal Society, dated 14th May 1858, in " which he states that the 80 stations visited by " Messrs. Schla- " gintweit" are independent of those visited by Adolphe Schla- " gintweit in his last and fatal journey of which they have a pros- " pect of receiving a journal and observations," the Court expect that you " will use every exertion to recover your late Brother's " Memoranda of the researches on which the Government of India " employed him.

" (Signed) J. D. Dickinson."

We therefore have the honor to propose in reference to his manuscripts and collections:

1. That the objects at Dehra be repacked in accordance with Captain Strachey's plans.

2. That the Missionaries at Lahoul be requested to send at Government's expense from Lahoul to Kangra the collections, observations and instruments, etc., and to draw up a Report, specifying the claims to which Hari Chand, the son of the Negi of Lahoul is entitled, for the journies he undertook last summer in search of our brother.

3. That a note may be issued to the Lieutenant Governor of the Punjáb and to the Commissioners of Kamaon, Simla and Kangra, authorizing them to distribute freely circulars in the vernacular languages among the trading people of their districts, promising a reward for any papers, drawings, instruments or othor property of Adolphe Schlagintweit delivered to them, the amount of remuneration being dependent on the nature and quantity of the property restored. It is beyond all doubt, that the traders would carry on such circulars to Kashmir, Ladak and the countries of Central Asia which Adolphe Schlagintweit has visited.

4. That all the instruments, collections, and observations thus recovered, be forwarded to us, if small parcels overland to Berlin, if boxes to London, addressed " Schlagintweit, India House," for being worked out and put up like our other collections.

Finally, we have the honor to add that copies of this circular note have been officially dispatched :

To the India House, London, to the Seats of Government in India, and to the following Officers and Gentlemen in India :

Col. R. J. H. Birch, Calcutta ;
L. Bowring, Esq., Priv. Secy. to the Govr. Genl. ;
The Commissioners of Kamaon, Kangra, and Simla ;
G. Edmonstone, Esq., Calcutta ;
Hon'ble Walter Elliot, Madras ;
A. C. Gumpert, Esq., Bombay ;
Rev. Jäschke, Lahoul ;
W. Muir, Esq., Allahabad ;
Colonel Ramsay, Nepal ;
W. Russel, Esq., Oude ;
The President of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta ;
Major Richard Strachey, Calcutta ;

Captain Henry Strachey, Calcutta;
Colonel Waugh, Mussoori.

We have, &c.

HERMANN SCHLAGINTWEIT,
ROBERT SCHLAGINTWEIT.

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NOTE.—For the foregoing papers, so replete with a painful interest, we are indebted to Hon. Walter Elliot.

We have, as far as possible, reprinted from the original, only venturing upon a few clerical corrections of little importance and in no way affecting the sense of the passages.—ED. M. J. L. S.

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# SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE.

## *Report on the Progress of the Magnetic Survey, and of the Researches connected with it, from November* 1855 *to April* 1856. *By* ROBERT SCHLAGINTWEIT.

### GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE ROUTE.

My brother, Adolphe, and I left Agra on the 29th of November 1855, and went through Dholpore and Chanda to Gwalior. We proceeded thence through a part of Bundlekund, by Dutteeah, Jhansi, Tehri, and Dhamoonee to Saugor, which we reached on the 4th of December.

From Saugor we took different routes. Adolphe proceeded by Dhumow to Nagpore and Madras. I left Saugor on the 19th of December, and proceeded by Maharajpore and Bermhan to Nursingpore, on the left side of the Nerbudda valley; from thence I proceeded by Jhansi Ghaut and Meergunge to Jubbulpore, where I arrived on the 30th December.

The route which I followed from Saugor to Jubbulpore afforded me the gratifying opportunity of examining the large deposits of fossil remains of elephants, rhinoceros, hippopotami, &c., which are exposed on the sides of the Nerbudda valley, and I have been able to obtain a tolerably good collection of specimens.

During a stay of six days at Jubbulpore, I was engaged with a series of barometrical and meteorological observations, and with some chemical experiments on the composition of the atmosphere, which were afterwards repeated on the Umerkuntuk Hills.

I started from Jubbulpore on the 6th of January, and went by Mundlah, Ramgurh, Goruckpore and Karenchia up to Umerkuntuk, which forms a very important part of the water-shed of Central India. Near it are the sources of the Soane and Tohilla, of the Nerbudda, and of the Yrap, an affluent of the Mahanuddy.

I arrived at Umerkuntuk on the 20th of January 1856, and having set up my meteorological instruments, which were regularly registered during my stay, I made excursions to the sources of the Tohilla and Soane, and up to the summit of Rajmeergurh Hill, which is one of the highest points of the Mekul range, East of Umerkuntuk.

The plateau of Umerkuntuk afforded me a favorable opportunity of making physical and meteorological experiments, and though the absolute elevation is not very considerable (3,290 to 3,330 English feet,) the data obtained for the decrease of the temperature of the air, and of the ground, &c., may not prove without some interest for the physical geography of Central India, when compared with similar data obtained in the Himalayas, the Neilgherries, and Cossyah Hills, &c.

I left Umerkuntuk on the 26th January, and proceeded *viâ* Paindra, Moonda, and Amukpore to Sohagpore; thence in a Northerly direction, through Kanrodi and Ramnuggur, crossing the Soane River twice, to Rewah, where I arrived on the 11th of February.

By Mungown and Sohagi, I went to Allahabad, and thence along the Grand Trunk Road to Agra, where I arrived on the 21st of February.

At Agra the whole of the collections sent down last year from the Himalayas, and those made during this cold season, were carefully re-packed for the purpose of being sent to England.

I left Agra on the 8th of March, and travelled *viâ* Delhi to Saharunpore, and thence to Nahun, where I was engaged, for several

days, examining the geological structure of the Sewalik range. I obtained many interesting tertiary fossils from various localities in the Sewaliks.

I marched through Dugshaie to Simla, where I arrived on the 25th of March.

The observations made in the outer ranges of the Himalayas, and in various localities in the environs of Simla, will be reserved for the next Report, treating of the Himalayas.

METEOROLOGY.

Temperature of the air.

Besides the daily registry of dry and wet bulb thermometers and barometers, whilst on the march, a longer series of observations were made at Saugor, Bermhan, Jubbulpore and Umerkuntuk; at Sohagpore, Allahabad, Agra and Simla. These observations seem to lead to the following conclusions.

Minimum temperature of the air.

The minimum temperature of the air was very regularly observed to set in just before sun-rise, but there was never to be observed a second depression of temperature immediately after sun-rise, as we had observed in the Indian Seas in October 1854.

The increase of temperature from sun-rise up to 11 o'clock A. M. is especially rapid between the hours of 8 and 9. A. M. I often noticed an increase of temperature of 4 to 5 degrees centigrade between these two hours.

The total increase from sun-rise to 11 o'clock was, at Saugor, (15th to 19th December,) as much as 28 degrees centigrade; at Jubbulpore it was from 12 to 15 degrees; but at Umerkuntuk (20th to 26th January) the difference between sun-rise and 11 o'clock A. M. was only 8½ to 9 degrees centigrade. Between 11 A. M. and 4 P. M., the variation of temperature was generally not very great—not more than 3 or 4 degrees centigrade; but the decrease of temperature between 4 P. M. and 7 P. M. was very rapid.

East of Jubbulpore, at Ramgurh, and as far as Umerkuntuk the minimum temperature of the day was very near the freezing point; but I never observed a temperature lower than 32 degrees Fahrenheit, or 0 degrees centigrade.

There was quite regularly a hoar-frost setting in, even if the minimum temperature of the air was 2 or 3 degrees above the freezing point. The hoar-frost was produced by the great radiation of the leaves and grass during the serene nights.

Irregularities of temperature at Umerkuntuk.

At Umerkuntunk itself I observed some remarkable irregularities of temperature. Considering the cold temperatures experienced in the stations of the Nerbudda valley, Westward of Umerkuntuk, it might be expected to find the minimum temperature of the night at Umerkuntuk below zero; but on the contrary the minimum temperature of the air on the plateau, at the end of January, was constantly 9 degrees and even 12 degrees centigrade above the freezing point. It was therefore considerably warmer than the minimum of the valleys at the foot of the plateau. Besides the minimum does not take place just before sun-rise but one, or one-and-a-half hour earlier. The reason of this phenomenon is that during the night, the cold air, which is heavier, flows down along the sides of the hills, and accumulates at the bottom of the valleys, whilst at the top of the small plateau itself, the cold air, which is locally formed by the radiation of leaves and grass, is immediately carried away by the winds into the surrounding atmosphere and re-placed by somewhat warmer air.

During the day-time the temperature at the top of Umerkuntuk, is, of course, much lower than in the valleys below. During my stay there the highest observed temperature was 75 degrees Fahrenheit, exceeding by 5 degrees Fahrenheit the maximum temperature of all the other days.

There was only one day quite free of clouds during my stay at Umerkuntuk. Generally, soon after 8 o'clock A. M., quantities of cirri dispersed all over the sky, and mitigated the full power of the sun's rays: they only dissolved themselves partially in the evening before sun-set, some portions remaining even during the night.

I had some rain on the 29th and 30th of January, it appeared to have extended over a large area, and greatly affected the temperature of the air, cooling it down so, that the maximum temperature was lowered more than 5 degrees.

Winds.

From Jubbulpore up to Umerkuntuk, a strong South-West or South wind set in very regularly, between 9 and 10 A. M., and continued till 5 or 5-30 P. M. The nights were constantly calm. At Umerkuntuk the wind blew from the same direction, but it was quite calm during the rain falls. I had not the least wind on the journey from Paindra to Rewah, where again a South-West wind began.

When comparing my meteorological observations with those made during the cold season of 1854-55 by my brothers and myself, in Southern parts of India, the Deccan, Mysore, &c., I find that in Southern India there is, at equal elevations never so cold a temperature as I observed this season in Central India, in the valley of the Nerbudda, &c.

In connexion with this fact, it deserves mention, that in summer the reverse takes place, and that the maximum heat of Central India, at equal elevations, generally exceeds somewhat that of Southern India.

Barometrical observations.

Together with the observations of the dry and wet bulb thermometers, the readings of the barometer were registered, and I have been able to determine the heights of all important places on the route followed. Some stations were determined both by the barometer and the boiling point thermometer, which by its minute and accurate divisions (each degree of Celsius is divided into 100 parts) and having been carefully compared at different heights with barometers, may be considered as giving equally accurate results with the barometer itself. On the journey from Sohagpore to Rewah, I used only this instrument, as the barometer was leaking very much, and some air had introduced itself into it.

The minimum of barometric pressure at about 4 P. M. occurred on the small plateau of Umerkuntuk, very nearly at the same time as in the lower valleys and plains of Hindoostan, and the daily variation of the barometer seems to be very nearly the same at Umerkuntuk as it is in the plains.

Temperature of the earth.

The temperature of the earth, at different depths, was determined by the long thermometer (one metre in length.) For greater depths I used a ther-

mometer, the bulb of which was made extremely insensible. The observations of the temperature of the ground at Umerkuntuk, compared with similar data around the base of the hill, afford some curious examples of the cooling influences which extensive jungles have upon the temperatue of the ground. At Umerkuntuk the temperature was, 22nd to 25th January.

At one metre below the surface....21° 2′ Centigrade.
„ two metres, „ ......21° 5′ „

At Paindra, more than 1,000 feet lower than Umerkuntuk, the temperature was, 27th to 29th of January—

At one metre below the surface....20° 0′ Centigrade.
„ two metres, „ ......21° 0′ „

I observed similar differences at Ramgurh, and at some other stations West and North of Umerkuntuk, which are all 1,000 to 1,300 feet lower than the plateau.

This anomalous phenomenon seems to be due to the following causes.

The plateau of Umerkuntuk itself has comparatively little jungle, and the ground is exposed freely to the action of the sun. Round the base of Umerkuntuk, and especially on the slops of the hills, very thick and extensive jungles prevail, which keep the ground moist and cool, as they prevent the heating of the surface by the powerful tropical sun.

Influence of jungle on the temperature of the ground.

The meteorological observations which I had occasion to make in many parts of the jungles of Central India, as well as those of my brother Hermann in Assam, and of my brother Adolphe in the Godavery jungles, offer many striking examples of the cooling influence which extensive jungles exercise in India on the temperature of the ground, as well as on the atmosphere.

The anomalous cooling of the ground by jungles is still more apparent than the difference of temperature in the air of jungles when compared with open Districts, since the differences in the temperature of the air are much more equalized by winds and atmospheric currents.

At Agra I was enabled, through the kind assistance of Colonel J. T. Boileau, the Chief Engineer, to ascertain the temperature of the earth nearly 50 feet below the surface. The insensible thermometer was sunk in a small shaft dug for the purpose, and remained buried there for a fortnight before it was taken up. The temperature was, from the 22nd of February to the 4th of March, 28° 3' centigrade, equal to 82° 9' Fahrenheit. The temperature thus observed accords, within one degree, with the temperature of the earth at about 60 feet below the surface, ascertained at Benares in April 1855. The temperature at one metre below the surface at Agra was only 25 degrees centigrade, as the upper strata had been cooled by the influence of the past cold season.

Wells colder than the temperature of the ground.

The temperature of the wells at Agra was always a little lower than that of the ground, thus directly ascertained. As an average of several wells from which a large quantity of water was constantly drawn for domestic purposes and irrigation, I obtained 27° 6′ to 27° 8′ centigrade.

The temperature of water in wells, which are but little used, is considerably cooler than that of wells from which water is constantly drawn, as the cold air which sinks down during the night into the wells, cools stagnant water much more than it can do the water of wells which is constantly removed.

Distribution of jungles in Central India.

As a curious phenomenon connected with Physical Geography, I finally beg to mention the way in which the jungles are distributed in Central India.

The base and slope of the hills, and the valleys between them, are generally covered with very dense and extensive jungles, but the summit of the flat hills and small plateau which occur in many localities, are nearly always quite bare and destitute of trees and jungly vegetation. I had been informed by my brothers, that this very curious phenomenon occurs all along the Southern parts of the Cossyah and Jynteah Hills, and on the plateau of the Neilgherries.

This phenomenon seems to be due, in part, to the very strong

winds which sweep over those isolated plateau and which evidently must be very injurious to jungle vegetation. Another important cause is, the want of moisture in these isolated plateau.

Geology.

The geological results obtained in the journey from Agra to Saugor will be contained in the Report which my brother Adolphe will have the honor to submit to Government; I shall therefore content myself by mentioning some geological results to which the investigation of the country visited by me alone seem to lead.

Fossil remains in the valley of the Nerbudda.

In the valley of the Nerbudda some interesting deposits of fossil remains occur. The larger deposits are found from Bermhan up to Mundlah, the bones are found in a brown alluvial clay, and belong to species of elephants, rhinoceros, hippopotami, buffaloes, &c. I also found with the bones well preserved fossil shells of Unio, Melania, and other fresh-water species. A comparison of these fossil shells with those now living in the Nerbudda and in various tanks of Central India, of which I collected a large number, will assist in determining the geological age of the fossiliferous deposits of the Nerbudda valley.

From Jubbulpore to Umerkuntuk the prevailing rock is black trap, identical with the trap of the Deccan.

I found in several localities the thin lacustrine deposit, which reposes on trap, and is again overlayed by other layers of trap. In some places it was full of fossil fresh-water shells of Physa, Unio, Melania, &c.

The principal fossiliferous localities which I visited were Phool Saugor, about 9 miles west of Mundlah, Bellasur, and Bonder.

The plateau of Umerkuntuk is one of the culminating points of Central India, and this place, and the hills in its neighbourhood, form the importent water-shed of Central India, between the Rivers Nerbudda, Soane, Tohilla, and Mahanuddy. The plateau of Umerkuntuk is not very large—it is nearly circular, and surrounded by hills, which are only 50 to 60 English feet higher. The slopes are very steep to the East and South, whilst they are much more gentle to the West and North. The hills run from Umer-

kuntuk first in a Northerly direction, and then turn to the North-West. They are generally known by the inhabitants under the name of Mokul. The highest point of this range will probably be Rajmeergurh, near Umerkuntuk, which it exceeds by about 500 English feet—the latter place itself is about 3,290 to 3,330 English feet.

Origin of the Nerbudda.

The Nerbudda alone rises on the plateau of Umerkuntuk. It has its origin in a tank or pool, surrounded in the most irregular way, with solid masonry and fine temples :—one of the oldest of them seems to me to be a Jain (Boodhist) temple. The tank is fed by subterranean springs, and the origin of the Nerbudda is thus precisely similar to that of the Kistna, on the plateau of Mahableshwur in the Deccan.

I determined the quantity of water at the spot where the Nerbudda flows out of the tank, and found it to be, on the 23rd of January, only two French litres per second. But very soon this little rivulet is met by the waters of two other springs, and only a few miles from its source it is joined by the waters of two more springs, and forms a beautiful cataract of about 70 English feet.

The Soane has not its rise at Umerkuntuk, but to the East of the hill, and about 1,200 feet lower than the Nerbudda in an open partially cultivated spot, from a tank called Soane Budder, 8 miles East of Paindra, and forms a swampy marshy place over a considerable extent.

The Tohilla rises about 5 miles North of the Nerbudda, at a place called Tohaletsur, nearly in one level with the Nerbudda.

The Yrap, a small river which flows to the South, and joins the Mahanuddy, has its origin near Paindra, from several large tanks, forming at first a swampy ground. Its source is situated about 5 or 6 miles from that of the Soane, and its water-shed is not formed by a distinct ridge, but only by a slight rising of the ground.

On the journey from Sohagpore through Rewah to Allahabad, I took the opportunity ef carrying a barometric and geological section over the plateau of Bundlekund.

The plateau, or rather the succession of plateau, consists of a

reddish and white sandstone, in large banks, which are generally horizontal—it reposes upon limestone and shales of blue and grey colors, which very often are a little more inclined than the sandstone, and the shales are quite identical with similar rocks which I observed in the Gwalior Territory. The plateau of Bundlekund terminates abruptly about 40 miles South of Allahabad, where the sandy deposits of the plain of Hindoostan begin.

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ROUTES.

AFTER having completed the observations at Gowahatty, detailed in the last pages of the Report No. III., I left Gowahatty December 21st, and proceeded up the Brahmapootra to Mungeldie; from there to Oodulgoorie on the Frontier of Assam and Bhootan.

I found occasion to proceed from this place into the country of the Kampo-Bhootans, who occupy the Himalayas East of Bhootan Proper; while my Assistant, Mr. Adams, and the Draftsman, Abdool, who accompanied me as far as Oodulgoorie, went to the coal mines and salt wells in the Baree Dihing.

I made arrangements, immediately after my arrival at Oodulgoorie, with a former Rajah of Towang-Chang-To, who was found willing to be my guide as far as Nurigoon, which is about one-third of the breadth of the Himalayas.

I staid four days at Nurigoon, and had occasion to make, besides magnetic observations, (the instruments had been, till used, carefully concealed in cotton bags) an excursion on the Zinghyla (Deer Mountains) for surveying the different valleys and for making some drawings.

Besides I got here very precious information (not from the inhabitants but from traders coming down from Thibet) about the routes to Lowany, only 4 marches distant, and to Lhassa.

A very intelligent Bhooteea from Tussisoodun constructed even a map with vertical Section of the different places, in the Chinese style, of the route from Nurigoon* to Lhassa, which agreed very well with the verbal informations I received from the Thibetans.

Nurigoon is on a rock at the left side of the Riju, the houses on an average between 3,200 to 3,500 feet high, and offered many interesting features for comparison with the Western Himalayas.

The valleys are here much more *gradually rising* than in the Westen parts of the Himalayas; at the same time the height of the mountains is less great, and the inclinations less steep. The vegetation has the luxuriant character peculiar to the Eastern Himalayas, though the quantity of rain is much less than in the lower ranges of the Naga, Khossia and Garrow Hills, on the left side of the valley of the Brahmapootra.

Yâks come down from Thibet as far as Nurigoon in the cold season and chiefly near the end of it, when the trade to the plains is greatest; but also wild elephants are very frequent in the valley of the Dhunsiri and the Riju, and are occasionally met with even a little above Nurigoon. Such coincidences of lower and upper limits of animals, so different in reference to their zones of altitude, may perhaps be not without interest in explaining the variety of fossil remains in places formerly in similar local and climatological conditions.

I left Nurigoon January 13th, and went to Tezpore, from there to Debrooghur in Upper Assam, where, besides my own observations, I had occasion to get many precious informations, particularly by Colonel Hannay, about geological objects.

From Debrooghur I descended the Brahmapootra and went by Goalpara, Serajgunge, Koolna, and through the Sunderbunds to Calcutta.

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* N. B.—This map is added to the drawings, Portfolio the 6th, sent from Calcutta to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors.

After a stay of twenty-nine days I proceeded by Cawnpore, Agra and Umballa to Simla, visiting Lucknow in Oude and Meerut for magnetic observations.

I arrived at Simla on the 24th. From here the Eastern part, Ladak, and the ranges of this part of the Himalaya and the Kuen-luen, will be examined.

Two of the four Sikhim men I had with me in Sikhim and Assam, the Lepcha Chezy and the Bhootea Dublong, are to make during this summer some observations in Sikhim, furnished with some thermometers, a boiling thermometer, and a prismatic compass.

Mr. Montairo, attached to my Establishment for collections left Darjeeling August 23rd, and went to Calcutta, where he received and prepared, for being sent to Europe, the objects of collections sent down to him from the Khossia Hills and Assam. He arrived at Simla May 20th. He is going *viâ* Kangra to Kashmere.

## Magnetic Observations.

Magnetic observations have been made at the following Stations:—

### *Assam and Delta of the Ganges.*

1. *Oodulgoorie*, on the Bhootan Frontier—December 30th and 31st, 1855, January 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1856. Declination, horizontal intensity, vertical intensity, and a set of observations for ascertaining the daily variations, longitude and latitude.

2. *Nurigoon*, in Bhootan—January 9th, 10th and 12th. Declination, horizontal and vertical intensity, longitude and latitude.

3. *Tezpore*, on the right shore of the Brahmapootra—January 24th, 25th and 28th. Declination, horizontal and vertical force, longitude and latitude.

4. *Debrooghur*, Upper Assam—February 5th and 6th. Declination, horizontal and vertical intensity, longitude and latitude.

*Gowahatty—see* preceding Report.

5. *Serajgunge*, on the right shore of the Kenur River—February 17th. Vertical intensity.

6. *Dacca*—February 21st. Vertical intensity.

7. *Koolna*, on the right shore of the Bhogrup—February 24th Declination, vertical force, longitude and latitude.

8. *Calcutta,* Botanical Garden, March 23rd and 24th. Declination, horizontal and vertical intensity, longitude and latitude.

*B.* Plans of the Ganges in Hindoostan.

9. *Benares*—April 3rd and 4th. Declination, horizontal and vertical intensity, longitude and latitude.

10. *Lucknow,* Oude—April 8th and 9th. Declination, horizontal and vertical intensity, longitude and latitude.

11. *Agra*—April 15th. Declination.

12. *Meerut*—April 18th. Declination.

The magnetic elements were therefore determined from between latitude 22′ to 27° 5′ N. in the valley of the Brahmapootra, and to 29° in the plains of the Ganges, including a difference to longitude of 16° 5′ from 95° to 78° 5′ East of Greenwich.

One of the general results was, that the magnetic force, particularly the dip, has been found much greater the general formulæ made it expect.

*A.*—In the valley of the Brahmapootra, delta of the Ganges, the dip was found—

| | ° | ′ | |
|---|---|---|---|
| At Debrooghur, | 38 | 29 | 175 |
| ,, Tezpore, | 37 | 14 | 58 |
| ,, Oodulgoorie, | 36 | 27 | 52 |
| ,, Nurigoon (Bhootan,) | 37 | 11 | 69 |
| ,, Gowahatty | 35 | 18 | 73 |
| ,, Serajgunge | 32 | 3 | 15 |
| ,, Dacca | 31 | 0 | 80 |
| ,, Koolna | 29 | 18 | 49 |
| ,, Calcutta | 28 | 6 | 4 |

*B.*—In the plains of Hindoostan it was—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| At Benares | 32 | 40 | 9 |
| ,, Lucknow | 35 | 18 | 20 |

A similar result has been found by my brothers for the parts of corresponding latitude in the North-West Provinces and in Central India.

The Southern part of India seems to agree better with our results of calculation.

The declination was not found as irregularly altered in any of the places examined, as formerly in Cheerapoonjee; though the gite r oc ks in the valley of the Brahmapootra on both sides of the river are identic with the rock of the Khossia and the Garrow Hills along the left edge of the Brahmapootra valley, vary different from the geological situation of the Himalayas along the right side of the valley. Some of these rocks in the valley contain, as well as the Northern parts of the Khossia Hills, a very great amount of magnetic iron (in the rocks near Doobree Colonel Hannay recently has found it particularly predominant); but the action on the * * is confined to the place itself, and becomes at a very small distance untraceable.

The declination in the territory examined was East, being greatest at Koolna and decreasing East and West of it. In Assam, as well as in Meerut, a small increase is caused by the difference in latitude. In Nurigoon, as in the Himalayas in general, the declination is decidedly greater than the difference of latitude would make us expect.*

*A.*—The declination was found in the valley of the Brahmapootra and Delta of the Ganges—

| | | ° | ' | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| At Debrooghur | N. | 2 | 8 | E. |
| „ Tezpore | N. | 1 | 59 | E. |
| „ Oodulgoorie, | N. | 2 | 5 | E. |
| „ Nurigoon (Bhootan,) | N. | 4 | 5 | E. |
| „ Gowahatty, | N. | 1 | 41 | E. |
| „ Koolna, | N. | 2 | 55 | E. |
| „ Calcutta, | N. | 2 | 24 | E. |

*B.*—In the plains of Hindoostan—

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| At Benares, | N. | 1 | 27 | E. |
| „ Lucknow, | N. | 1 | 12 | E. |

* Compare the observations of my brothers in Gurhwal and Kumaon and my observations in Sikhim, Report III. page 6 and Report VI.

At Agra......................N. 1 14 E.
,, Meerut....................N. 1 28 E.

METEOROLOGY.

In Assam the variations of the temperature of the Brahmapootra, observed from Debrooghur to its ramifications in the Delta, was a particularly interesting object. I also had occasion to make, besides the regular observations on temperature, moisture and pressure of the air, several experiments on the thermic influence of surfaces covered with grass and tree jungle; besides Dr. Simmons, at Gowahatty, kindly assisted me by making, during my absence, observations on the ozone contained in the air, with papers identic with those used by myself.

These observations are continued for the next year. The following Table contains* the temperature found in the Brahmapootra in its ramification and in the Delta from Debrooghur to Calcutta. The daily variations, even in Upper Assam, scarcely exceeded O. 5 degrees C.—O. 9 degrees F., but occasionally differences of 2 to 3 degrees F. are found even in the very current caused in some cases by differences of depth, in others by lateral rivers discharging themselves in the Brahmapootra.

I choose for the Table the temperature of the rivers at 11 A. M., this hour representing very nearly the * * of the twenty-four hours for the water; for the temperature of the air for the same reason the temperature at 9 A. M. was selected. Errors of the zero points of the Thermometers, Nos. 29, 70 and 88 are corrected.†

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* A second series during the hot season is made now by my Assistant, Mr. Adams, on his way down from Sudiya.

† For the Hooghly, at Calcutta, I was furnished with observations on the monthly variations of the temperature at high and low water by the kind assistance of Mr. Schiller. The observations are now continued by Dr. Thomson.

| Names of Rivers. | Names of the nearest Places. | February. 1856. | Temperature of the water at 11 A. M. | Temperature of the air at 9 A. M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Centigrade. ° ′ | Centigrade. ° ′ |
| Brahmapootra.. | At Debrooghur........ | 6 | 15 6 | 12 4 |
| ,, | Above Dikhoo Mookh.. | 8 | 15 7 | 12 6 |
| ,, | Above Dhunsiri Mook.. | 9 | 16 2 | 13 7 |
| ,, | Tezpore.............. | 10 | 17 1 | 16 2 |
| ,, | At the mouth of the Kulluny........... | 11 | 17 2 | 15 8 |
| ,, | Gowahatty........... | 13 | 17 5 | 14 6 |
| ,, | Above Doobree....... | 14 | 17 8 | 17 0 |
| ,, | Below Doobree........ | 15 | 18 4 | 19 3 |
| ,, | Bugwa............... | 16 | 19 4 | 18 6 |
| ,, | Hajeepore............ | 17 | 19 3 | 18 7 |
| Zuboona....... | Serajgunge........... | 18 | 19 6 | 20 7 |
| ,, | Amerbad............ | 19 | 19 7 | 22 1 |
| Kertinana....... | Senpore.............. | 20 | 21 2 | 21 7 |
| Bargunga...... | Kalaghaut............ | 21 | 22 8 | 22 8 |
| Damudar ...... | Burrissole............. | 22 | 21 6 | 21 8 |
| Charcollee...... | Bidaboorea........... | 23 | 21 6 | 21 4 |
| Passur......... | Koolna............... | 24 | 22 0 | 20 5 |
| Seprah ........ | Near Grant No. 214 Sunderbunds........ | 25 | 23 5 | 23 4 |
| Terra Banka..... | Near Grant No. 155 Sunderbunds........ | 26 | 23 8 | 25 5 |
| Moree Gunga... | East of Saugor Island... | 27 | 24 6 | 26 1 |

The variation of the temperature of the air is 26° 1′, 12° 6′, 13° 2′, C., of the water 24° 6′, 15° 6′, 9° C.

In the Dhunsiri and in the Riju, the difference between the temperature of the Dhunsiri near Orang in the valley of Assam and of the Riju, a lateral affluence of the Dhunsiri at Nurigoon, was Dhunsiri, 18° 1′

Riju, - 9° 0′ 9° 1′ C.

During my journey from Calcutta to Umballa, I tried, besides, several times, some experiments to measure the heating power of the sun's rays under various conditions.

I used for a complete observation the following thermometers :—

1. } Dry and wet bulb for temperature and moisture of the air.
2. }

3. A thermometer exposed to the sun with white bulb. It had no brass scale, and a very thin capillary tube for the mercury, surrounded by a larger glass tube, the ordinary from of thermometers on the Continent. This has the advantage, that the instrument * * * * * * * with nearly no error the temperature of the mercury in the * * * * * * undisturbed by the * * * * influence of appendices.) But even in this shape a thermometer offers no absolute measure for insolation, the whiteness of the glass forming the bulb, its color and transparency modifies very appreciably the apparent action of the sun on different instruments.*

4. A thermometer of a similar construction, with blackened bulb.

5. A Kew standard thermometer, with thick glass tube and a division being in the glass stem. It had its bulb blackened, and also half of the mantle of the cylinder behind the division. This, as well as the following, was placed on a large surface of black wood, which getting heated all round, very nearly as much as the thermometer itself, prevents it from irregular loss of heat towards objects of different temperature in its vicinity; for instance the presence of grass or gravel, &c., would otherwise affect the height of the thermometer. It may be considered as a good proof of the comparability of the thermometers in such an arrangement, that the Kew standard and the following thermometer, No. 6, stood very nearly alike.

6. A boiling thermometer, every degree divided in $\frac{1}{50}$, the mercury begins to reach the divided scale only at 78 degrees C. being intercepted by a second enlargement of the bulb. Bulb blackened. The mercury contained in the capillary tube being here only a very small part of the mercury under the black stratum, and being protected besides by a second outer glass cylinder against loss of heat, I found this instrument the best for these experiments as long as the insolation is hot enough to keep it on the

* For relative determinations for distance, for raising the annual and daily variations, careful observations with any thermometer can be very useful.

divided part. Besides the $\frac{1}{100}$ of the degree being read with perfect accuracy, it showed very rapidly even the minutest changes in the atmospheric conditions.

7. The surface of the ground. The thermometer was laying in the reddish sand forming the general deposit in the plains of Hindoostan. It was during the first experiments covered with a stratum of the sandy soil about 1 centimetre thick, but in the experiments at Umballa, a little hole was filled with mercury and this covered with the stratum of the soil. This arrangement made, that the thermometer was, through the medium of mercury, in a much more intimate contact with the particles of the soil, the temperature of which it is to indicate.

8 and 9. Metals exposed to a tropical sun are felt remarkably hot when touched, though the conducting power has in this evidently a great part. Their real temperature seemed an interesting object for direct determination. I therefore exposed two metal vessels, the one was an iron bottle, well screwed and filled with mercury to two-thirds of its volume; the other was a flat square copper basin (used generally as an artificial horizon,) it was blackened, and about two cubic centimetres of mercury were put upon it, forming isolated drops. Both were put upon a soft and thick layer of cotton. For the observation of the copper basin, the cotton was slightly pressed down at one place, so as to incline the basin without touching this itself, and to cause the mercury to collect itself in one corner. Then the thermometer was dipped in the mercury, which it could be expected had assumed the temperature of the metallic surface with which it was in contact.

The following Table contains the reading of the different thermometers at Umballah; the correction for index errors are applied to the reading. The instruments with black bulb, and on black wool, were read with a telescope from 4 to 5 feet distance, since any approaching for reading with a magnifier altered very suddenly the indications of the thermometer.

*Observations on insolation at Umballa, April 22nd 1856, Centigrade.*

| HOURS, LOCAL TIME | | 6 A. M. | 7-15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 11-54 | 1-4 P. M. | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5-30 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HEIGHT OF THE SUN | Lat. 30° 20′ 7″ N. | 6° 12′ | 18° 7′ | 31° 9′ | 44° 75′ | 56° 9′ | 67° 25′ | 71° 9 | 60° 5′ | 56° 9′ | 44° 75′ | 31° 9′ | 12° 6′ |
| AIR | Dry | 21° 2′ | 22° 8′ | 24° 7′ | 33° 1′ | 34° 3′ | 36° 4′ | 38° 2′ | 39° 3′ | 39° 7′ | 39° 4′ | 39° 3′ | 39° 3′ |
| | Wet | 9° 5′ | 10° 9′ | 12° 1′ | 16° 3′ | 16° 4′ | 17° 2′ | 18° 3′ | 18° 0′ | 18° 0′ | 17° 9′ | 17° 9′ | 18° 0′ |
| SUN | White | .. | .. | .. | 36° 3′ | 37° 7′ | 41° 4′ | 42° 2′ | 43° 4′ | 43° 4′ | 42° 7′ | 41° 4′ | 40° 7′ |
| | Black | .. | .. | .. | 38° 4′ | 40° 8′ | 44° 1′ | 45° 8′ | 45° 2′ | 45° 1′ | 45° 1′ | 42° 9′ | 42° 3′ |
| SUN | Keen | .. | .. | .. | 57° 5′ | 77° 2′ | 73° 9′ | 87° 5′ | 67° 9′ | 67° 4′ | 58° 2′ | 52° 0′ | 49° 0′ |
| | Boil | .. | .. | .. | .. | 80° 65′ | .. | 89° 47′ | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| SURFACE OF GROUND | | In shade 90° 3′ | In sun, 32° 3′ Shade, 21° 0′ | .. | .. | 4° 3′ | 47° 9′ | 50° 2′ | 51° 7′ | 51° 9′ | 49° 9′ | 48° 2′ | 44° 2′ |
| METAL | Black Surface | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 55° 2′ | 55° 2′ | 53° 7′ | 50° 3′ | |
| | Metallic Surface | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 54° 4′ | 54° 2′ | 52° 0′ | 50° 5′ | |

REMAKS—Some small clouds at 11 A. M; hazy, but no clouds from 12-10, with W. by N. wind; hot wind.

The haze, during the experiments at Umballa, though generally accompanying the hot winds, modified the heat, particularly for the boiling thermometer; also, the small clouds, though very thin, and not before the sun at the moment of the reading, had caused a sensible depression in the black thermometers *on the wool;* the other black bulb, freely suspended, being much less sensible for the rays of the sun, since the objects against which it radiates change their temperature but very little (*see* " Surface of Ground,") went on steadily rising.

The great heat of the *air* lasting till sun-set is very characteristic for days with hot winds in general; also the surface of the ground keeps remarkably warm in the first evening hours, though it loses 25 degrees C. during the night.

Notwithstanding this great variation, no particle of dew is deposited in these regions during nearly three months, the wet bulb thermometer sinking still 10 degrees lower during the night than the dry one.

The power of the sun's rays was also determined at Benares and Cawnpore.

At Benares the boiling point thermometer, in an arrangement like the one just described, was exposed on the 3rd of April.

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| It stood at | 12 H. 30 M. | .... | 78° 15' | Centigrade. |
| *Note.*—The readings are corrected for index errors. | 1 „ 5 „ | .... | 82° 60' | „ |
| | 1 „ 10 „ | .... | 84° 23' | „ |
| | 1 „ 15 „ | .... | 84° 08' | „ |

The maximum sees to fall decidedly after 12 (the sun's power decreasing less rapidly than the loss of radiation is diminished by the general increase of the temperature of the air continuing till 2 or 3 P. M.) The maximum on normal days, without clouds, and with very light wind, seems to be reached pretty regularly at 1*h.* 10*m.* to 1*h.* 20*m.* P. M. (*See* Allyghur.)

At 1*h.* 29*m.* the wind at Benares became more violent, about 6·5 metres per second, and was *felt* very hot. To my surprise the thermometer immediately went down, the thermometer with white bulb

in the sun also fell, though very little. Evidently the instruments had gradually surrounded themselves with a stratum of heated air, corresponding with the temperature of the mercury, which, during the periods of stronger wind, was removed, and replaced by one less hot.

The readings were

At 1-42 P. M......... 82° 60' Centigrade.

Wind increasing very much at 1-44...... P. M.

Thermometer at 1-46 P. M............. 78° 74' „

It rose again, in a slight lull, from 1° 53′ to 2° 10' „

It stood at 2-10 80° 45'; then the wind setting in again, it gradually sank, and soon (2-35) disappeared below the divided scale.

At Allyghur, April 17th, the day was particularly clear; the West wind hot, but not very strong. Here I found the highest temperature I had till now observed, *viz.* 90° 30' C. or 194° 54' F,* the time of this maximum, 1-20 P. M., coinciding very nearly with the observation at Benares.

I was enabled to compare my instrument with one used by Mr. Gubbins,† the bulb of which was protected against lateral radiation, by being enclosed in a double cylinder of glass. The two instruments agreed, at least for the maximum, better than might have been expected. The time of the maximum was, naturally, not so well defined in the one enclosed in the glass tube, as in the other laying on wool: the former was slow to cold before the period of its maximum, to warm afterwards. The readings were on April 3rd—

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* Corrected as the following for index error.

† We are deeply indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Gubbins for the communication of a series of most accurate meteorological observations, which not only embraced the ordinary objects of observation, but in which, at the same time, a great variety of experiments were combined with equal skill and ingenuity.

| | *Schlagintweit.* Hypsometer No. 5. | *Gubbins.* In glass cylinders. | Black bulb exposed free. |
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| | ° ′ | ° ′ | |
| 12-0 .. | 88 58 C.<br>191 44 F. | 190 5 | 126·0 |
| 1-15 .. | 90 13 C.<br>194 23 F. | Disturbed by approaching too near. | 127·1 |
| 1-20 .. | 90 30 C.<br>194 54 F. | 189 5 | 128·5 |
| 1-45 .. | 86 10 C.<br>186 98 F. | 188 0 | 119·0 |
| 2-35 .. | 80 60 C.<br>177 08 F. | 185 0 | 122·0 |

When the hot winds are very violent, they diminish the power of insolation very much by the quantity of dust they raise, which very often, like thick aqueous clouds, completely hides the position of the sun, and sometimes even produces a darkness like the thickest fog. I had occasion to notice a particular coloration of the sun during dust-storms, which is, I think, quite a regular phenomenon accompanying them, when the air has reached a certain degree of untransparency.

In fogs the disc of the sun is red, or at least of a decided reddish tint, when sufficiently darkened to be looked at without a dark glass. In dust-storms the sky has also, as in fogs, a decidedly reddish color, which in this case is that of the dust itself, but the sun's disc is blue, a phenomenon evidently connected with the suspension of solid particles in the air.* I observed this color best on the 6th of April at Futtehpore. The hot wind lasted from 12-45 to 6-10 P. M., and stopped very suddenly after sun-set. The sun was very much obscured as early as 1 P. M., and showed then the blue appearance so decidedly, that it looked like the sun's disc seen through a dark-blue glass, the shadow of a thin cylin-

* A similar dust-cloud passing perhaps at a small height above the ground may explain the blue appearance of the sun mentioned in the Second Edition of Sir John Herschel's *Astronomy.*

der falling on white paper was nevertheless well defined and reddish, showing that the illuminated paper had received rays of the (complementary) bluish color.

The blue color of the sun, though the light was gradually much diminished, lasted until 5-10 P. M., when the sun had a height only of about 15 degrees: then the disc soon disappeared entirely behind the clouds of dust.

The temperature of the air* was corrected for index errors on the 3rd of April—

| | *Dry.* ° | ′ | *Wet.* ° | ′ | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| At 12, | 38 | 2 | 19 | 9 | Direction of the hot winds West, very strong, from 12-45 to 6-10. |
| 1, | 38 | 1 | 19 | 0 | |
| 2, | 37 | 3 | 19 | 3 | |
| 3, | 37 | 3 | 19 | 3 | |
| 4, | 37 | 3 | 19 | 2 | |
| 5, | 36 | 7 | 19 | 1 | |
| 6, | 36 | 4 | 18 | 9 | |

The temperature of the air diminished, as occasionally noticed in the observations above-mentioned, with the increase of the wind and untransparency of the air.

A coincidence worthy of notice is the sudden cessation of the wind after sun-set, which took place at every one of my observations. Generally speaking, it is characteristic of the hot winds; that in the beginning of the hot season the wind always ceases very near sun-set, the night is very calm, and towards the morning an Easterly breeze is not unfrequently felt.

The cause of the hot winds ceasing with sun-set seems to be the great depression of temperature during the night, coinciding with the Westerly direction of the wind. In consequence the wind meets, soon after sunset, with surfaces covered with a stratum of air cooled by the vicinity of the radiating surface of the ground; the hot wind passes over it, and is therefore not felt near the surface.

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* A room with tatties was easily kept at 25° to 27° C. in the centre of the apartment, the wind being very strong.

It is only during the middle, and towards the end of the hot season, that the hot winds blow till 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, when the rains stop them suddenly.

Also, the hour of the day at which the hot winds *commence*, is variable from the beginning to the end of the hot season. In the first months they begin to blow at 12 or perhaps 1 P. M., then the period becomes gradually earlier, till a short time before the rains they begin at 6 or 7 A. M., leaving only a few calm hours in the very early part of the morning.

The quantity of carbonic acid during the hot winds is very small. It reached in an experiment at Allygurh*, scarcely $\frac{1}{100}$ in 10,000 parts of air, the ordinary quantity being 3·5 to 4 parts in 10,000.

GEOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Of the valley of Brahmapootra, a detailed map has been prepared, showing the different soils, with observations on former levels and beds of the river, and depths from the surface deposits to the sub-soil. Different coal localities in the Bhootan Himalayas, and in the Naga Hills, have been examined and entered in this map.†

These observations, compared with the examinations of the different soils of the Delta of the Ganges, show that the valley of the Brahmapootra differs from the Delta in being covered with lacustrine deposits, occasionally varied by the coarse gravel brought down by the Himalayan Rivers on its North-Eastern side.

The course of the actual Brahmapootra, originally flowing in the bed of the Lohit, (which was the original name used in this valley,) has not been altered by a sudden change of its bed, but has gradually shifted itself, the deposits made on the right bank (where all lacustrine soil is carried away and replaced by the actual deposits of the river) being very different from the clays on the left.

* The quantity of air examined was 50,000 cubic centimetres, the increase of weight of all potassium tubes reached was not a full milleogramme.

† This map, in four sheets, scale four miles to an inch, has been sent with my manuscripts to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors.

In the Himalayas, along the North-East side of the Brahmapootra, the coal is found in small seams of sand-stone alternating with strata of conglomerates of pebbles (Nageflue,) the pebbles being remarkably smaller than the deposits of the present rivers.

To these sedimentary rocks succeed, at a short distance from the banks (much shorter than in the Western Himalayas,) crystalline hornblendic rocks, chiefly hornblendic gneiss, with a peculiar linear arrangement of quartz nodules succeeding each other, when seen, in the proper section, like beads on a string.

The dip of the stratification in the sand-stones and conglomerates, which form the outer ranges of the Bhootan Himalayas, is very well defined by the alteration of the finely grained sand-stones with the conglomerates.

The dip of the strata is North 30 degrees to 40 degrees West, inclination 55 degrees to 65 degrees.

In the crystalline hornblendic rocks, the cleavage, which is well developed, dips also in the same direction. The mean direction of this dip was also found North 30 degrees to 35 degrees West, inclination 55 degrees to 60 degrees.

It is deserving of remark, that this dip of stratification and cleavage planes are quite analogous to the direction of dip in Sikhim and the Western Himalayas of Kumaon and Gurhwal. In all these parts of the Himalayas the dip of the cleavage is chiefly Northerly, varying in different parts to the East or to the West,

HERMANN SCHLAGINTWEIT.

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*A Storm at Chicacole.*

Mr. Thonhill, Principal Assistant Collector of Ganjam reported on the 5th August 1858, for the information of Government, that a slight shock of an earthquake was experienced in Chicacole on the 3rd instant at 3½ P. M. It was accompanied by a rumbling sound like thunder and seemed to travel from South to North.

## *A Storm at Tranquebar.*

Mr. W. M. Cadell, Collector of Tanjore, reported on the 26th April 1859, for the information of Government as follows :—

"Since the morning of the 23rd instant there has been a very heavy and unusual fall of rain in this part of the district, accompanied with strong gales from N. E. to E. N. E. As far as my information at present goes, the rain would appear to have been general, but the violence of the wind seems to have been felt less inland than on the Coast.

"I fear there must have been considerable loss of property and life at sea; and reports have already reached me of the stranding of an Arracan Ship and of the wreck of a Dhony at Trimalavassell; also that 2 Brigs (Native) are ashore at Cauverypatam and 2 more at Karical. Part of the keel of a Native vessel was washed ashore here this morning, and there are several vessels in the offing with loss of masts, spars, &c. As far as I have yet been able to ascertain there has happily been no loss of life.

"The wind has moderated since yesterday at noon, but the weather has still a wild and unsettled appearance, and to-day again it is very showery accompanied by squalls.

"I am afraid there is reason to believe that there will be much damage to the new embankments and other earthworks which are being so extensively carried on this season, and I apprehend also the loss in Salt (the manufacture of which had just come into full operation) will be considerable. The Government will, I trust, be assured that no effort will be wanting on my part or on that of my Subordinates to repair and restore the damages which may prove to have occurred, and regarding which fuller information will be submitted hereafter."

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*Annexed is a Memo. of the Rain fall.*

| | I. | M. | T. |
|---|---|---|---|
| April 23rd.............. | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| ,, 24th............... | 10 | 5 | 3 |
| ,, 25th............... | 4 | 6 | 8 |

Mr. W. M. Cadell, Collector of Tanjore, reported on the 29th April 1859, as follows:—

"It is with much regret I have to state for the further intimation of Government that the reports which have since reached me shew that the weather was much more severe in other parts of the district than I had represented, and that a hurricane seems to have prevailed in the neighbourhood of Negapatam which has been attended with the most disastrous consequences both to life and property.

"During the height of the hurricane, the British barque "Monarch" which had sailed for Penang from Negapatam on the 22d instant, with 200 coolies on board, came in contact with the British ship "Ballynceich" bound from Calcutta to Glasgow, and both ships were so disabled that they immediately came ashore about 8 miles to the south of Negapatam. The crews of both vessels were for the most part saved, but one has since died from the building, where he was lodging in Negapatam having fallen in. The coolies were, I regret to say, nearly all drowned. In addition to these vessels, and those mentioned in my letter of the 26th instant, from 30 to 35 vessels and those chiefly square rigged ones have been wrecked between this and Calimere, but the crews have, I believe, nearly all been saved.

"The hurricane seems to have prevailed with the greatest violence in the latitude of Negapatam, but its foree seems to have diminished in proportion as the distance from the sea was more remote. Many houses and trees have, however, been blown down in all parts of the district and the rain fall, as far as I can yet learn seems nowhere to have been less than from 15 to 20 inches, a quantity, I believe, altogether unprecedented at this season of the year.

"Reports have also reached me that several of the river banks have again given way, and the communication between Tanjore and the eastward is again interrupted, the Tappal having in one place to be brought on a raft.

"From the discoloured appearance of the sea to a considerable distance from the shore, I conclude that the rivers are all in full

fresh, and indeed the water reports which have reached me this day show that some of them are already so. I fear therefore that there are grounds for apprehending that many of the new embankments will have given way.

"I have, however, put myself immediately in communication with Captain Oakes, and immediately the water subsides, every endeavour will be made jointly with the Officers of the Department Public Works to repair the damages which have been sustained, and to restore the embankments before the regular freshes make their appearance."

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# PROCEEDINGS.

*At a Meeting of the Managing Committee of the* MADRAS LITERARY SOCIETY, *and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Soeiety, held at the Club House, on Thnrsday the* 14*th October* 1858, *at half-past* 6 *o'clock*, P. M.

PRESENT.

The Hon'ble Walter Elliot, Esq., *Chairman.*

R. Burgass, Esq.
G. F. Fullerton, Esq.
M. Norman, Esq.
W. Huddleston, Esq., *Secy.*
W. C. Maclean, Esq., M. D.

The Secretary laid before the meeting the usual monthly statement of the Society's Funds prepared up to the 14th Instant.

Resolved, that the foregoing statement is satisfactory and be passed.

Resolved, that a memorandum of deficient numbers of the Library set of the Society's Journal be circulated to Members, with a request that they will, if possible, aid to complete it.

Resolved, that Dr. Kellie be requested to make efforts to find or replace the missing volume of the Journal as it breaks the Library set.

A prospectus for the Publication of "Monographie des Picides" having been laid before the Committee, they are of opinion that it is not desirable to subscribe to the work, the cost of which appears to be francs 450.

Resolved, that the names of the additional subscribers to the Plant Scenery of the World be published in the next number of the Journal and be communicated to Dr. Cleghorn.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be conveyed to Dr. Balfour for his Index to Articles on Geological subjects published in the Society's Journal, which, with the letter accompanying it, will be made over to the Journal Sub-Committee.

The Secretary's proposal to publish similar Indexes to Articles in the Journal on special subjects, such as accounts of partially known localities in the Presidency, Natural History, Botany, Mineralogy, Contributions to the History of the country and its Antiquities, &c., and to circulate a prospectus proposing to publish Collections of the Articles, is reserved for further consideration.

Resolved, that the Honorable Sir C. Rawlinson be informed, with reference to his letter of the 12th Instant that Volumes from 3rd to 6th inclusive of Merivale's History of the Romans under the Empire will be included in the list of Books to be ordered from England by the next mail.

The Committee acknowledge the receipt of a very interesting Paper by Lieut. R. H. Beddome treating of new species of the Genus Impatiens, these species being found chiefly on the Annamullay Hills.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be conveyed to Lieut. Beddome, and that the paper be referred for publication to the Sub-Committee on papers.

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*At a Meeting of the Managing Committee of the* MADRAS LITERARY SOCIETY, *and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Society held at the Club House, on Thursday the* 11*th November* 1858, *at half-past* 6 *o'clock*, P. M.

PRESENT.

The Hon'ble Walter Elliot, Esq., *Chairman.*

The Hon'ble Sir A. Bittleston, M. Norman, Esq.
R. Burgass, Esq. G. F. Fullerton, Esq.

The usual monthly statement of the Society's Funds, prepared up to 11th Instant was laid before the Committee.

Resolved, that the foregoing statement is satisfactory and be approved.

Read letter from Messrs. Allen and Co., dated 9th October 1858, stating that in consequence of a new Regulation of the P. and O. S. N. Company, they will be compelled in future to render their invoices via Marseilles instead of via Southampton.

Resolved, that a reference be made to Mr. Franck for explanation of the new Rule referred to in the letter above alluded to.

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*At a Meeting of the Managing Committee of the* MADRAS LITERARY SOCIETY, *and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Society, held at the Club House, on Thursday the 9th December* 1858, *at half-past* 6 *o'clock*, P. M.

PRESENT.

The Hon'ble Walter Elliot, Esq., *Chairman.*

M. Norman, Esq. G. F. Fullerton, Esq.
Captain G. Winscom.

The usual monthly statement of the Society's Funds prepared up to 9th Instant was laid before the Committee.

Resolved, that the foregoing statement is satisfactory and be passed.

Read a letter from M. Norman, Esq., pointing out that several remarks have been inserted (in pencil writing) in Mill's India in 1858, and in the Calcutta Review.

Resolved, that measures be adopted for the future preventing of the evil pointed out in Mr. Norman's letter.

Read a letter from Messrs. Thacker, Spink and Co., stating that the Society will gain 5 Rupees per annum by paying for the Calcutta Review in advance, and that back numbers of that publication can be supplied at reduced prices.

Resolved, that payment in advance for the Calcutta Review be made to Messrs Thacker, Spink and Co., and that they be request-

ed to supply such numbers of that work as are required to complete the Library set.

Read letter from Mr. L. D. Rozario, Assistant Librarian, requesting an increase of salary on the grounds of his long service and large family.

Resolved, that the request of Mr. D'Rozario cannot be complied with.

Resolved, the Librarian be directed to forward Catalogues and invitations to join the Society to such gentlemen at the Presidency as may be supposed likely to become Members.

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*At a Meeting of the Managing Committee of the* MADRAS LITERARY SOCIETY, *and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Society, held at the Club House, on Thursday the* 13*th of January* 1859, *at half-past* 6 *o'clock*, P. M.

PRESENT.

The Hon'ble Walter Elliot, Esq., *Chairman.*

M. Norman, Esq. W. Huddleston, Esq., *Secy.*
Captain G. Winscom.

The Secretary laid before the Meeting the usual monthly statement of the Society's Funds prepared up to 13th Instant.

Resolved, that the above statement is satisfactory and be passed.

Read a letter from the Rev. D. Simpson, M. A., Secretary to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, requesting that the Literary Society will have their printing orders executed at the Press of the Christian Knowledge Society.

Resolved, that as the Society have no cause to complain of the Printers who at present perform their printing work, and have been employed for some time past, they are unable to comply with Mr. Simpson's request.

Read a letter from H. Newill, Esq., forwarding two numbers of the Practical Mechanics' Journal containing an article on a method of cooling the air of Rooms in Tropical climates.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Meeting be conveyed to Mr. Newill for his communication, and that the article alluded to be forwarded to the Sub-Committee of Papers, with a recommendation that it be re-published in the Society's Journal.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Meeting be conveyed to Lieut. Ferguson, Superintendent of the Government Observatory at Bombay, for the copy of Magnetic and Meteorological Observations for the past year, received with his letter of the 3rd December 1858.

Read letter from Major General Blundell, C. B., bringing to notice that numerous marginal Remarks have been made in Harvey's two years in India.

The Committee observe with regret that the highly objectionable practice of disfiguring the books of the Society by remarks in pencil writing has recently been brought to their notice by more than one gentleman, and they hope that no member will in future afford ground for such complaints.

A. J. Arbuthnot, Esq., Director of Public Instruction, having applied for the loan of certain books from the Society's Library, for public purposes, it was resolved that so many of the books applied for as may be available be sent to that gentleman.

The Honorable Mr. Elliot produced a Photographic copy of the inscriptions on the Iswaran Pagoda in the little Fort of Tanjore, a Roll 23 feet in length, and represents all the inscriptions engraved on a zone passing completely round the main building. The zone consists of 99 slabs, each containing nine lines of ancient Tamil characters, the seen pictures of which have been admirably taken by Captain Tripe, so that every letter can be distinctly read.

Above this zone is a second forming a convex moulding, also covered with letters which are likewise included in the picture; but owing to the form of the stones the lower part of the convex surface was so entirely thrown into the shade that the letters were not visible.

The portion that is on the plane surface contains five complete separate grants, four by Raja Raja Deva Chola and one by Rajendra Chola, relating to subjects of considerable interest.

M. Norman, Esq. laid before the Meeting a Galvano plastic cast of a Santhal's head; being the specimen sent out by the Messrs. Schlagentweit of a set of 250 casts to be published by them, and which have been already ordered for the Madras Central Museum, as sanctioned by Government.

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*At a Meeting of the Managing Committee of the* Madras Literary Society, *and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Society held at the Club House, on Thursday the* 10*th February* 1859, *at half-past* 6 *o'clock*, p. m.

PRESENT.

The Honorable Walter Elliot, Esq., *Chairman.*

W. H. Bayley, Esq.
H. B. Montgomery, Esq., M.D.
Major W. J. Wilson,
Captain G. Winscom,
G. F. Fullerton, Esq.
W. Hudleston, Esq., *Secretary.*

The Secretary laid before the Meeting the usual monthly statement prepared up to the 10th Instant.

Resolved, that the above statement is satisfactory and be passed.

Resolved, that a remittance of £200 be made to Messrs. Allen and Co.

Resolved, that the Rev. Mr. Gorton be informed that his request that books may be supplied to him at Vellore cannot be acceded to, there being no duplicate copies of works in the Library, and single copies being insufficient to admit of books being sent to so distant a station.

Resolved, that the Secretary be requested to endeavour to obtain copies of Numbers 9 and 32 of the Calcutta Review, to complete the Library set.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Meeting be conveyed to T. Oldham, Esq. for Vol. one, Number two of the "Memoirs of the Geological Survey of India," and that he be informed that the Society will have much pleasure in continuing an interchange of publications.

Resolved, that Thursday the 3rd of March next, be appointed for the Annual General Meeting, to be held in the Strangers' Room at the Club, at 6 o'clock P. M., and that a Notice to that effect be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Meeting be conveyed to the Philological Society of London, for the presentation of three volumes of their Transactions for 1854-55, and 56, and that a copy of the Literary Society's Journal be forwarded to that Institution, as published, and from the commencement of the new series.

Read a paper received from the Honorable Mr. Elliot, being an Historical Account of the Fort at Vellore, by Captain Hawkes.

This paper appears to be a copy of a Memorandum prepared in 1815, and gives a traditional account of the Fort and Temples from the year A. D. 1365, from the building of the Fort by a Telugu Chieftain, to its subsequent possession by the Mahrattas, and its final conquest by the Mahomedans, from whom it passed to the British, several notes are added by Captain Hawkes, in illustration of the text.

Referred to the Committee of Papers.

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*At a Meeting of the Managing Committee of the* MADRAS LITERARY SOCIETY, *and Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Society held at the Club House, on Thursday, the* 17*th March* 1859, *at half-past* 6 *o'clock*, P. M.

PRESENT.

Hon'ble Walter Elliot, Esq., *Chairman.*

W. C. Maclean, Esq., M. D.
G. F. Fullerton, Esq.
H. Nelson, Esq.
J. D. Mayne, Esq.
W. Hudleston, Esq., *Secy.*

The Secretary laid before the Meeting the usual Monthly Statement of the Soeiety's Funds prepared up to the 17th Instant.

Resolved, that the above Statement is satisfactory and be passed.

Ordered, that the thanks of the Society be conveyed to the Royal

University of Christiania, Norway, for their contribution to the Society's Library, and that the Volumes already published of the new series of the Journal be forwarded to them, with an intimation that succeeding Numbers will be supplied as published.

Read letter from Messrs. Schlagintweit communicated by the Honorable Walter Elliot, Esq., regarding the specimens of the Galvano Plastic Heads already dispatched for the Government Museum.

Resolved, that application be made to Government for a further sum of £37-4-0 due for the specimens despatched.

Messrs. Schlagintweit report that 81 specimens of the Ethnographical Groups of Heads have been dispatched by the Ship "British Lion," which sailed in Decemer last.

These form a portion of 12 distinct groups, and the whole number to be eventually produced is 272 in 14 groups according to races.

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## AGRI-HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

*Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee, held on Wednesday, October 27th,* 1858.

PRESENT.

Hon'ble W. Elliot, Esq., *President.*

Colonel A. McCally. Colonel H. Colbeck.
A. J. Scott, Esq., M. D. H. B. Montgomery, Esq., M. D., *Secy.*

Read proceedings of last Meeting.

The Secretary states that on the suggestion of Colonel Colbeck, 50 varieties of Roses have been sent for, and may be expected by the end of next month.

The Committee determine that when plants from these become available, they shall be distributed to Members, and the remainder sold to the public.

The English seeds recently received being now exhausted, and the Committee learning that numerous applications have been since received, it is determined that a copy of the proceedings of this

meeting be forwarded to all persons (Members or others) to whom seeds have been sent. The Committee would feel much obliged by a brief report as to the success which has attended the sowing this year. It is also determined to register applications for seeds so as to allow of these being distributed immediately on arrival, early intimation as to the probable requirement of non-subscribers will enable the Committee to increase the quantity of seeds sent for, if required.

Three copies of two very beautiful drawings, "Carter's Floral Illustrations" having been presented by the publisher, the Committee acknowledge their receipt with thanks. They have also to acknowledge the receipt of Carter's Autumn Catalogue of Dutch and Cape flowering Bulls, &c., and the "Manual of Accounts of the Forest Department," from Government.

Read letter from J. Vans Agnew, Esq., stating his desire to be relieved from his duties as a member of the Committee, owing to his inability to attend at the monthly meetings.

Resolved, that R. D. Parker, Esq. be requested to join the Committee

The Secretary intimates that a large and valuable collection of Australian seeds have been presented by Colonel C. A. Browne, who also forwarded a note from Mr. Muller, Superintendent Botanical Gardens at Melbourne, in which a consignment of Indian seeds is requested for the Gardens at Melbourne. The Committee appreciate the desirability of obtaining supplies of seeds from Melbourne and St. George's Sound as opportunity offers, and believe that Mr. George Maxwell of the latter place would probably be disposed to meet the views.

Resolved, that a system of exchange be established with Dr. Muller, and that Mr. Maxwell be requested similarly to enter into correspondence with the Secretary of this Society.

Resolved, that Sir H. Adam Bittleston be requested to become a Vice Patron of this Society.

The receipt from Major General Johnson of a collection of Orchid and other plants is intimated, and the Secretary is directed to forward a suitable acknowledgment of the same.

Contributions from Major Lawford, J. D. Sim, Esq., and Major General Cullen, are similarly recorded, &c., to be acknowledged to the Donors.

Resolved, that the Conservator of Forests be requested to procure some packets of Jungle seeds for the use of the gardens and the purpose of exchange.

Read letter from Captain Harris, Deputy Assistant Commissary General, Rangoon, requesting seeds and plants for the new gardens at Rangoon.

Resolved, that the application be at once complied with. The Committee determine that to afford the members resident up country an opportunity of being acquainted with the working of the Society, printed copies of the proceedings of the monthly meetings be dispatched with as little delay as possible to all Members. Also to enable members of the Committee to arrange for regular attendance; the day appointed for the next meeting shall be recorded in each day's proceedings.

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*November 24th*, 1858.

PRESENT.

Hon'ble Walter Elliot, Esq., *President.*

Hon. W. A. Morehead, Esq.
G. S. Hooper, Esq.
R. D. Parker, Esq.
J. D. Sim, Esq.
Colonel H. Colbeck.
A. J. Scott, Esq., M. D.
H. B. Montgomery, M. D., *Secy.*

Read proceedings of last Meeting which are approved..

Read letter from Sir Adam Bittleston. Kt., accepting the office of Vice Patron of the Society. J. D. Mayne, Esq., was unanimously elected a Member of the Society.

Resolved, that Robert Hunter, Esq., be requested to join the Committee, vice Mr. Prendergast, and that John Young, Esq., be similarly requested, vice Colonel Frederick Cotton about to proceed to Europe.

Resolved, that owing to the departure for England of several members, the Secretary shall bring to the notice of persons recently arrived in Madras the objects of this Society, which do not seem to be sufficiently known.

The Secretary intimates that the consignment of Cotton seeds transmitted by the Cotton Supply Association has been received by the "Dinah Muloch," and the letters relative to it are again considered. The Correspondence with Government relative to its disposal will appear in the proceedings of the next meeting, at which it is hoped that the decision of the Government, in this matter, may be made known.

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*December 22nd*, 1858.

PRESENT.

Sir Adam Bittleston, Knight, *Vice Patron.*
Hon'ble Walter Elliot, Esq., *President.*

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| R. D. Parker, Esq. | John Young, Esq. |
| C. Dale, Esq. | Robert Hunter, Esq. |
| Colonel H. Colbeck. | A. J. Scott, Esq., M. D. |
| Colonel A. McCally. | H. B. Montgomery, Esq., M. D., *Secy.* |

The receipt of the consignment of Roses, ordered some months since, is notified. These Roses have arrived in pretty good condition, and will be in due course available for purchase and for distribution to members of the Society.

Some very beautiful Roses were brought to the notice of the Committee. These had been grown by Colonel Colbeck at Royapettah, and prove that these flowers may be successfully cultivated in Madras. The Committee trust, that the new varieties now obtained, will enable members of the Society, and others, to largely increase and vary their collections.

The Secretary requested the Committee to name two of their number to examine and audit the accounts of the current year. The accounts to be henceforward audited annually.

Messrs. John Young and Robert Hunter were requested to act

as auditors for the present year, and the books will be submitted to them on such day as they may appoint.

Members and others indebted to the Society are particularly requested to adjust their accounts.

The following gentlemen were proposed and unanimously elected Members of the Society from the 1st proximo.

Henry Newill, Esq., C. S., J. Talboys Wheeler, Esq., Captain Baldock, George James Shaw, Esq., M. D.

The Committee resolve that the annual show of Fruits and Flowers be held on Thursday the 17th of February 1859.

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*January* 12*th*, 1859.

PRESENT.

Hon'ble W. Elliot, Esq., *President.*

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| R. D. Parker, Esq. | C. Dale, Esq. |
| Colonel A. McCally. | R. Hunter, Esq. |
| Colonel H. Colbeck. | H. B. Montgomery, Esq., M. D., *Secy.* |

Read Proceedings of last Meeting which are approved.

The Hon'ble Walter Elliot desires that in the public notification relative to the Exhibition of this year may be included a renewal of his former proposed prize for the successful cultivation of Bees.

The following Gentlemen were unanimously elected Members of the Society.

Colonel Silver, Captain S. H. Jones Parry, Capt. G. Proudfoot, Major E. W. Boudier, W. Robinson, Esq., W. E. Underwood, Esq.

4. It is unanimously resolved that a Special Committee composed as follows be appointed as a Committee of Management for the Exhibition :—

Colonel H. Colbeck, J. T. Maclagan, Esq., H. B. Montgomery, Esq., Secretary A. H. Society, Mr. R. Brown, Superintendent.

The erection of a new gate at the Cart entrance is sanctioned as by the estimate at a cost of Rupees 37-5-9.

5. Read the following papers relative to the Cotton Seed recently received.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1687.

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 21st December* 1858.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society.

Here enter 20th November, 1858.

Brings to notice the receipt of a letter from the Cotton Supply Association of Manchester, placing at the disposal of this Society and the Chamber of Commerce two tons of the new Mexican Cotton Seed, for experimental purposes, in view to increase the supply of an improved quality of Cotton from India, and requests that the landing charges upon the seed may be defrayed by Government. Suggests the best method of distributing the seed, and requests that the Practical Treatise on the subject (copy of which is herewith sent) may be re-printed for general distribution.

Para. 1. In this letter, the Secretary to the Agri-Horticultural Society brings to the notice of Government, the receipt of a supply of Mexican Cotton seed dispatched by the Executive Committee of the Cotton Supply Association of Manchester, for experimental purposes in this country; and reports the mode in which the Society propose to deal with the subject.

2. The Agri-Horticultural Society state that they are not in a position to initiate any experiments with the seed placed at their disposal, and they solicit the aid of Government in carrying them out; suggesting at the same time a method which, in their opinion, is calculated to secure the experiments being conducted in a satisfactory and conclusive manner. The scheme of operations planned by the Society is described in the 11th and following paragraphs of their Secretary's letter, and is to the following effect.

1st. That the landing charges and duty upon the seed be paid by the Government.

2nd. That excepting a small portion to be retained by the Society, the seed be transferred at Government expense to certain Collectors in view to experiments being made by themselves on the part and at the expense of Government; or by private individuals desirous of making experiments at their own expense.

3rd. That the Treatise on Cotton cultivation accompanying the above letter, be re-printed and largely distributed over Southern India, with a view to public attention being directed to the subject of Cotton growing.

4th. That the Collectors be requested to report in due course on the success of the experiments undertaken by them.

5th. That an outline report to be framed by the Society be circulated to the persons to whom seed may be given; and

6th. The intimation of the plan of proceedings be advertized in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and re-published in all local *Gazettes* free of charge.

3. The Government approve the plan thus laid down by the Agri-Horticultural Society, and will aid them in their efforts to give effect to the object and intentions of the Home Committee. As requested by the Society, the Government will defray the landing charges and duty on the seed as soon as the amount is made known to them, and they will forward a copy of the present correspondence to the Board of Revenue, with instructions to arrange in communication with the Society for the transfer of the seed, and to take whatever other measures may be necessary for carrying out the Society's views in the manner planned by them.

4. In communicating their instructions to the Collectors concerned, the Board will be requested to direct the regular submission of Reports of the success which may have attended the experiments, whether undertaken by themselves or by private individuals. The skeleton report which the Society propose to frame will be a useful aid to the latter, and should be taken advantage of by the Board.

5. The Board will also be desired to have the Treatise on Cotton cultivation re-printed at the *Fort St. George Gazette*, or other Press, wherever the work may be most conveniently and speedily

executed, having as many copies struck off as they may think necessary for distribution.

6. The Government authorize the Secretary of the Society to publish in the *Fort St. George Gazette* a "Notice" in the form D.* accompanying the above letter, and the Collectors will be instructed through the Board of Revenue, to re-publish the same in the local *Gazettes*.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY.

*Actg. Secy. to Government.*

With reference to the above the following arrangement is adopted. Five Barrels of the seed (containing 5 cwt.) will be taken charge of by the Superintendent of the Gardens, and 35 barrels be at once made over to the Revenue Board. The Chamber of Commerce are to be invited *by letter* and the Members of the Society in Madras, *by circular*, to send to the Gardens for such quantities of seed as they may require, which will be furnished on the same conditions as are laid down in the notice, the insertion of which in the *Fort St. George* and local Government *Gazettes* has been sanctioned in para 6 of the above.

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*Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday, February 2nd,* 1859.

PRESENT.

Hon'ble Walter Elliot, Esq., *President.*

G. S. Hooper, Esq.
Colonel A. McCally.
R. D. Parker, Esq.
Colonel H. Colbeck.
C. Dale, Esq.
R. Hunter, Esq.
J. Goolden, Esq.
S. D. Birch, Esq.
A. J. Scott, Esq., M. D.
H. B. Montgomery, Esq., M.D., *Secy.*

The Secretary submits to the Meeting a letter from Colonel H. Colbeck, and the Memorandum thereon recently circulated by him.

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* Not inserted.

It was unanimously determined that "the Annual Exhibition proposed to be held on the 17th instant, be postponed to the 24th instant." The Secretary is instructed to advertise this alteration in all the papers and in the *Fort St. George Gazette* with the least possible delay.

The name of Colonel A. McCally is added to those of Judges upon Prizes 26, 27, 28, 29; and similarly that of Colonel Reid, C. B., to those of the judges in Class I, and Prizes 26, 27, 28, 29.

In consequence of the indisposition of J. Young, Esq., J. Goolden, Esq. is requested to act on the Audit of Accounts for 1858, and Saturday next is appointed for this purpose.

The receipt of 10 Copies of Drury's "Useful Plants" from Government is notified. Also from the Society the 2nd part, Vol. 10, of the Journal of the "Agricultural and Horticultural Society of India;" and the papers relative to the Imphee and Sorgho seeds are read—(to be recorded). For the foregoing the Committee express their thanks.

Some of this Imphee seed has been sown in the Gardens where it can be seen growing.

The following Gentlemen are declared to have been unanimously elected Members of the Society.

Louis Forbes, Esq. C. S., Capt. A. S. Moberly, Col. Hamilton, and H. A. Fletcher, Esq.

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## Photographic Society.

*At a Meeting held on the 4th February at the School of Arts.*

PRESENT.

The Hon'ble Mr. Elliot, Col. McCally, Lieut. Cole, Major Mitchell, Mr. A. Cole, Drs. Duff and Scott, Mr. Underwood in the Chair. Col. Hamilton was proposed and elected a Member.

A design for the dies of the Medals proposed to be awarded at the approaching Exhibition was submitted to the meeting and approved of with certain modifications. Mr. Elliot exhibited a Stereograph of the Caves of Adjunta, by Capt. Gill, also a Photogra-

phic print of the large temple in the Tanjore Fort, by Captain Tripe, which is chiefly remarkable in affording an accurate copy of the Tamul inscription on the casement, such a copy indeed as Photography alone could produce, and showing the very high value of that art, to those interested in antiquarian pursuits. Dr. Scott exhibited, through the kindness of Capt. Toynbee, of the Ship "Gloriana," a series of Stereoscopic Photographs taken by Professor Piazzi Smith, of Edinburgh, on the summit of Teneriffe. It was intimated by the Secretary that the prints for distribution for the year 1857-58, would shortly be received from England to members; especially those in the Mofussil are requested to be good enough to inform him by letters, to whom they would wish them delivered in Madras, and as many of those for the former year still remain unclaimed, it is proposed they would be sold, unless persons who may be entitled to those come forward to claim them within the next three months.

N. B.—Since the above was written, most of the prints have been received, they are sun prints toned with gold, and are much superior to those of last year which were obtained by Sutton's development process. The subjects are as follows :—

1st. Portrait of Lord Harris, by Nicholas, printed by Spencer.

2nd. Portrait of the late General Neill, photographed and printed by Moore, from an Oil Painting in the possession of Lady Neill.

3rd. A Mahomedan Tomb, by Capt. A. N. Scott, Madras Artillery, printed by Spencer.

4th. St. Mary's Church, Fort St. George, photographed by Lieut. Mitchell, printed by Spencer.

5th. A figure of Ganesha, the Monkey God, photographed by Spencer.

6th. Stone Car and Temple, by Dr. Neill, printed by Spencer.

Owing to the state of the atmosphere in England being unfavorable in the Winter season for printing, Mr. Spencer has been unable to complete the whole order, only 70 of Nos. 1 and 2 of No. 4 have been received. The remainder however will be received in course of a few months.

*At a Meeting held on the 3rd March at the School of Arts.*

PRESENT.

Col. McCally in the Chair.

Lieut. Cole. Messrs. Underwood.
Mr. A. Cole. ,, Mitchell, and Scott.

The Secretary laid before the Meeting the prints for distribution for 1857-58, lately received from England which met with general approval. They are sun prints, toned with gold, and are very fair specimens of the best style of printing now in general use at Home. The attention of Members are again called to the fact of those prints being received, some are still to be received, but it is hoped they will reach this in the course of a few months. Meanwhile up-country members are requested to make known to the honorary Secretary the names of the parties to whom they would wish them to be delivered in Madras.

The subjects are as follows. Stone Car and Temple by Dr. Neill; a figure of Ganesha, by Dr. Neill; Mahomedan Tomb, by Captain Scott; St. Mary's Church, Fort St. George by Lieut. Mitchell; Portrait of Lord Harris, by Mr. Nicholas, and Portrait of late General Neill, by Mr. Moore of London.

In addition to the above Dr. Scott exhibited 10 Photographs which had been selected for the Society as samples of the present state of the art in Europe.

Amongst them are three Views, by Fenton (14 by 17) of Welch scenery, Rock, Wood, and Mountain (and water in instance) combined. Of these it is sufficient to say they will support the reputation of this distinguished Artist. There is also a view of part of Lichfield Cathedral, by the same Photographer, and which is an excellent specimen of Architectural Photography.

By Bissin Freres there is a large and a small view of the Mer-de-glace, with the highest pinnacle capped in clouds, also a beautiful little view of the " Chateau Chillon" a lovely bit of water clouds and distant hills.

Portuil de L'Eglise St. Germain L'Auferrais (which an inscrip-

tion on a street lamp tells us is in the " Place de Liberte") forms the subject of a magnificent print (16 by 20) by Gustave le Gray.

A Print (7 by 11) of a Statue, from the Photographic Institution Bond St. is a fair specimen of this application of the art. A slight want of definition in the eyes detracts somewhat from the merit of what would otherwise be called a fine picture.

But the gem of this small collection is a copy of Ary Scheffer's painting " Faust and Marguerite," nothing superior to this has reached Madras. The Photographer is Bingham, and the Publishers Goupil and Co., Paris, and London.

Lieut. J. Mitchell exhibited eight Prints from Collodion Negatives taken with the compound Microscope. The subjects were

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| The Proboscis of a Blow-fly, | Magnified | 22 | diameters. |
| A portion of the above | ,, | 40 | ,, |
| Trophi of a Wasp | ,, | 22 | ,, |
| Ditto of a smaller Wasp | ,, | 40 | ,, |
| Tarsus of a Grasshopper | ,, | 22 | ,, |
| Parasite of Fowl (an Acarus) | ,, | 50 | ,, |

A Butterfly's Scale, from a small species of Polyammatus, and a group of differently shaped scales from the same wing. These were taken with Powell and Lealand's 1-12$^{B.}$ and are magnified about 550 diameters, or in Opticians' language above 300,000 times.

The above are promising examples of a branch of Photography, but little (if at all) attended to in this country.

Lieut. Mitchell said his only difficulty was the want of a surface on which to focus. Ground glass will not do at all, the abraded surface (acting as an infinity of Prisms) decomposes the light. The iodized Collodion plate recommended by Mr. Shadbolt is very little better ; he thinks it possible that Rumey's Light Moderator may prevent the decomposition of the solar rays upon the focussing screen, but he has not yet traced it.

Lieut. Mitchell's mode of operating, he believes, is different from that usually followed in England ; inasmuch as he uses the whole microscope and not the object glass only. This he says is advantageous in more ways than one.

First, there is a larger field and greater magnifying power.

Secondly, the over correction of the object glass being balanced by the eye-piece, the visual and active face are coincident; a matter of the first importance, and

Thirdly, by a very simple and inexpensive arrangement any Portrait Camera may be adopted to the purpose, without unfitting it for other work.

Lieut. Cole. brought to the notice of the Meeting a new publication entitled the Stereoscopic Magazine, of which five numbers have been already published. Each number contains three Stereoscopic pictures with explanatory letter press for each. A book on Stereoscope at the moderate price of 3*s.* 6*d.* is required to view these; the publication itself is cheap, the price of each number being only 2*s.* 6*d.*; on the whole it seems to be a promising work.

The prints sent by Dr. Neill were laid before the Meeting. A proposition for framing these beautiful Photographs was discussed, and it was resolved to frame these and have an estimate made of what it would cost to frame the Society's collection.

Read letter from Mr. Butcher offering to do printing work for Society.

Resolved, to reply that arrangements have been already made with Dr. Neill to have the printing done in England.

Read letter from Captain Tripe, offering one of his views as a Negative to be printed for distribution.

Resolved, to ask Capt. Tripe, to make his own selection for the purpose.

Read letter from Capt. A. N. Scott offering certain Negatives.

Resolved, that he be asked to send proofs.

Read letter from Dr. Pritchard offering to send some prints.

Resolved, that a letter of thanks be addressed to him with a request to him to send them.

## DAILY MEANS.

### OCTOBER 1858.

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| 1 | 29·822 | 84·9 | 78·5 | 92·6 | 80·4 | S E | .... | Hazy |
| 2 | | | | 93.1 | 78·8 | S E | ... | |
| 3 | ·858 | 84·4 | 77·3 | 95·1 | 78·3 | E S E | .... | Clear. |
| 4 | ·850 | 84·1 | 77·8 | 93·4 | 78·9 | E S E | ... | Hazy |
| 5 | ·821 | 81·9 | 77·2 | 86·1 | 79·3 | N E | 0·121 | Clody |
| 6 | ·746 | 77·4 | 75·6 | 79·6 | 75·9 | N N E | 4·197 | Ovest. |
| 7 | ·662 | 79·7 | 77·1 | 86·2 | 79·8 | N W | 1·031 | do |
| 8 | ·792 | 81·7 | 77·6 | 90·2 | 78·6 | S S E | .... | Hazy |
| 9 | | | | 87·6 | 76·8 | S E | 0·214 | |
| 10 | ·757 | 77·4 | 75·5 | 80·7 | 74·3 | N N E | 2·576 | Ovest. |
| 11 | ·723 | 78·9 | 74·6 | 91·3 | 75·3 | S S W | .... | do |
| 12 | ·805 | 81·6 | 77·8 | 90·9 | 77·4 | S | .... | Hazy |
| 13 | ·846 | 80·2 | 77·1 | 84·9 | 79·0 | ? | 1·448 | Ovest. |
| 14 | ·838 | 78·6 | 76·3 | 85·8 | 76·2 | N | 0·234 | do |
| 15 | ·812 | 79·4 | 76·7 | 87·1 | 76·2 | N N E | ·300 | Clody. |
| 16 | | | | 86·9 | 78·3 | N N E | .... | |
| 17 | ·833 | 80·3 | 77·4 | 86·5 | 78·3 | N W | ·111 | do |
| 18 | ·873 | 80·0 | 76·9 | 89·6 | 76·3 | N N W | ·030 | do |
| 19 | ·865 | 80·4 | 76·7 | 89·2 | 76·8 | N | ·105 | Ovest. |
| 20 | ·866 | 79·5 | 74·9 | 87·0 | 76·5 | N N W | .... | do |
| 21 | ·875 | 74·7 | 71·4 | 75·4 | 70·6 | N N W | 1·054 | do |
| 22 | ·837 | 75·3 | 72·5 | 81·9 | 73·4 | N N W | 0·471 | do |
| 23 | | | | 88·0 | 75·2 | N | .... | |
| 24 | ·820 | 78·2 | 74·8 | 87·2 | 75·8 | S S W | ·029 | do |
| 25 | ·842 | 78·7 | 75·3 | 86·3 | 77·5 | N E | .... | do |
| 26 | ·918 | 78·8 | 75·0 | 87·8 | 74·7 | N N W | .... | Hazy |
| 27 | ·930 | 78·1 | 72·[illegible] | 87·4 | 73·7 | ? | .... | do |
| 28 | ·935 | 78·8 | 74·3 | 86·9 | 74·5 | N N E | .... | Clear. |
| 29 | ·977 | 79·3 | 74·9 | 87·2 | 75·1 | N N E | .... | do |
| 30 | | | | 90·0 | 75·3 | N N E | .... | |
| 31 | ·987 | 80·5 | 76·3 | 90·3 | 77·3 | E N E | ·160 | Hazy |
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### NOVEMBER 1858.

| Date. | Barometer reduced to 30° Faht. | Thermometers. Means. Dry | Wet | Max. | Min. | Wind. | Rain. | Remarks. |
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| 2 | ·973 | 79·4 | 74·9 | 86·0 | 76·1 | E N E | .... | Hazy |
| 3 | ·967 | 78·8 | 73·6 | 85·9 | 74·3 | N N E | .... | do |
| 4 | ·980 | 78·7 | 74·5 | 84·2 | 77·1 | N | ·588 | Ovest. |
| 5 | 30·008 | 80·1 | 76·6 | 88·4 | 77·4 | N | ·460 | Clody. |
| 6 | | | | 88·9 | 76·1 | E N E | .... | |
| 7 | 29·983 | 79·6 | 75·9 | 86·8 | 75·3 | E | 1·440 | Hazy |
| 8 | ·962 | 79·1 | 73·8 | 84·8 | 74·8 | E | .... | do |
| 9 | ·967 | 77·9 | 71·0 | 84·0 | 71·6 | N E | .... | Clear. |
| 10 | ·976 | 78·3 | 73·3 | 85·9 | 75·4 | N E | 0·838 | Ovest. |
| 11 | ·960 | 78·7 | 73·5 | 84·6 | 76·2 | N | ·190 | Clody. |
| 12 | ·952 | 76·7 | 71·2 | 83·7 | 71·7 | N N W | .... | Hazy |
| 13 | | | | 82·3 | 76·8 | N | 2·235 | |
| 14 | ·962 | 76·5 | 73·9 | 80·0 | 75·4 | N N E | 5·585 | Ovest. |
| 15 | 30·019 | 74·1 | 72·6 | 79·3 | 73·2 | N | 2·540 | do |
| 16 | ·001 | 75·6 | 72·8 | 82·7 | 72·5 | W N W | 1·233 | do |
| 17 | 29·986 | 77·4 | 74·1 | 83·7 | 76·1 | N | 0·783 | do |
| 18 | ·958 | 78·7 | 75·0 | 84·0 | 77·1 | N | ·096 | do |
| 19 | ·915 | 77·5 | 73·8 | 79·8 | 75·1 | N N E | 2·262 | do |
| 20 | | | | 79·4 | 72·7 | N E | 1·032 | |
| 21 | ·924 | 76·9 | 74·1 | 84·1 | 75·9 | E N E | 0·530 | do |
| 22 | ·904 | 78·3 | 75·7 | 84·8 | 76·6 | E | ·030 | Clody. |
| 23 | ·894 | 78·4 | 75·9 | 85·9 | 75·7 | E | ·150 | do |
| 24 | ·909 | 79·5 | 76·1 | 87·7 | 77·4 | E N E | ·038 | Ovest. |
| 25 | ·983 | 78·6 | 75·7 | 85·8 | 77·7 | N E | ·104 | do |
| 26 | 30·009 | 76·5 | 74·0 | 82·5 | 74·4 | E N E | 1·501 | do |
| 27 | | | | 80·4 | 75·8 | N N E | 0·207 | |
| 28 | ·008 | 75·2 | 71·1 | 80·6 | 70·2 | N N W | .... | Clody. |
| 29 | 29·997 | 75·2 | 71·9 | 82·0 | 73·0 | N | ·259 | Ovest. |
| 30 | 30·002 | 76·1 | 72·6 | 33·0 | 73·5 | W N W | .... | do |
| 31 | | | | | | | | |
| Means | 29·968 | 77·8 | 74·0 | 84·0 | 75·0 | | 22·119 Sum | |

### DECEMBER 1858.

| Date. | Barometer reduced to 32° Faht. | Thermometers. Means. Dry | Wet | Max. | Min. | Wind. | Rain. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Inches | ° | ° | ° | ° | | Inches | |
| 1 | 29·973 | 76·5 | 73·2 | 83·3 | 72·9 | N N W | .... | Clody. |
| 2 | ·975 | 76·1 | 72·3 | 82·8 | 72·4 | N | .... | Hazy |
| 3 | 30·009 | 75·0 | 71·0 | 81·9 | 70·3 | N | .... | do |
| 4 | | | | 81·4 | 69·2 | N by E | .... | |
| 5 | ·014 | 73·1 | 67·1 | 80·1 | 67·3 | N W | .... | Clear. |
| 6 | ·022 | 73·1 | 66·2 | 79·8 | 67·5 | N | .... | Hazy |
| 7 | 29·992 | 74·5 | 69·3 | 80·4 | 70·5 | N | .... | Clody. |
| 8 | ·955 | 76·9 | 71·3 | 83·2 | 75·1 | N N E | ... | Ovest. |
| 9 | ·999 | 76·8 | 70·0 | 81·7 | 72·9 | N | .... | Clody. |
| 10 | 30·019 | 74·7 | 68·1 | 82·2 | 69·1 | N | .... | Hazy |
| 11 | | | | 81·4 | 69·9 | N N W | .... | |
| 12 | 29·975 | 73·7 | 68·3 | 79·9 | 69·6 | N by W | .... | do |
| 13 | ·952 | 73·2 | 67·4 | 80·5 | 68·8 | N by W | .... | do |
| 14 | ·989 | 74·3 | 68·2 | 80·9 | 71·7 | N | .... | Ovest. |
| 15 | ·988 | 74·9 | 69·2 | 81·5 | 71·2 | N | .... | Clody. |
| 16 | 30·002 | 74·5 | 68·8 | 80·8 | 71·4 | N | .. | Hazy |
| 17 | ·016 | 73·7 | 69·1 | 83·0 | 69·2 | N | .... | Clear. |
| 18 | | | | 82·5 | 69·8 | N by W | .... | |
| 19 | ·007 | 74·3 | 70·6 | 82·4 | 70·7 | N | .... | Hazy |
| 20 | ·029 | 75·4 | 70·6 | 82·4 | 70·8 | N by E | .... | do |
| 21 | ·053 | 74·3 | 70·6 | 82·4 | 70·1 | N | ... | Clody. |
| 22 | ·039 | 75·5 | 69·8 | 82·9 | 69·9 | N N E | .... | do |
| 23 | ·027 | 73·6 | 67·8 | 81·9 | 68·0 | N E | .... | Hazy |
| 24 | ·028 | 74·1 | 67·8 | 80·6 | 68·8 | N by W | .... | do |
| 25 | | | | 81·1 | 72·6 | N | .... | |
| 26 | ·022 | 74·9 | 69·1 | 81·2 | 69·7 | N N E | .... | do |
| 27 | ·019 | 74·8 | 68·9 | 83·1 | 70·1 | N | .... | Clear. |
| 28 | ·053 | 74·2 | 68·8 | 81·5 | 69·0 | N | ... | Hazy |
| 29 | ·090 | 76·2 | 69·1 | 81·9 | 70·4 | N | .... | Clody. |
| 30 | ·072 | 74·2 | 68·3 | 82·1 | 68·8 | N | .... | Hazy |
| 31 | ·017 | 74·0 | 68·5 | 82·8 | 69·6 | N by E | .... | do |
| Means | 30·013 | 74·6 | 69·2 | 81·7 | 70·2 | | | |

### JANUARY 1859.

| Date. | Barometer reduced to 32° Faht. | Thermometers. Means. Dry | Wet | Max. | Min. | Wind. | Rain. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Inches | ° | ° | ° | ° | | Inches | |
| 1 | | | | 82·1 | 68·7 | N N E | .... | |
| 2 | 29·984 | 76·0 | 71·3 | 82·8 | 75·7 | N by E | .... | Hazy |
| 3 | ·987 | 77·0 | 73·4 | 80·7 | 76·4 | N | 0·040 | Ovest. |
| 4 | ·952 | 76·8 | 74·0 | 84·5 | 75·6 | N N W | .... | Hazy |
| 5 | ·965 | 77·2 | 73·1 | 83·0 | 73·4 | N N W | ·001 | do |
| 6 | ·972 | 75·8 | 72·7 | 80·8 | 71·4 | N by W | ·577 | Clody. |
| 7 | 30·005 | 76·4 | 72·3 | 82·2 | 74·1 | N N W | ... | Ovest |
| 8 | | | | 82·7 | 71·4 | N N E | ... | |
| 9 | ·033 | 75·7 | 71·3 | 82·2 | 71·3 | N by E | .... | Hazy |
| 10 | ·033 | 74·6 | 69·2 | 81·9 | 69·3 | N N E | .... | do |
| 11 | ·034 | 73·9 | 68·9 | 81·3 | 68·0 | N | .... | do |
| 12 | ·021 | 74·5 | 70·3 | 82·5 | 71·0 | N | ... | do |
| 13 | ·009 | 74·7 | 69·9 | 81·3 | 69·6 | N | .... | do |
| 14 | ·027 | 74·2 | 69·1 | 82·2 | 69·2 | N N W | ... | Clody. |
| 15 | | | | 82·1 | 73·5 | N by E | .... | |
| 16 | ·046 | 76·7 | 69·7 | 83·3 | 75·8 | N | ... | Ovest. |
| 17 | ·025 | 76·1 | 69·0 | 81·8 | 73·7 | N by W | .... | Hazy |
| 18 | 29·983 | 75·1 | 68·8 | 81·5 | 69·8 | N N W | .... | do |
| 19 | ·976 | 73·2 | 66·8 | 81·5 | 65·0 | N by E | .... | Clear. |
| 20 | 30·014 | 75·8 | 67·9 | 81·8 | 71·6 | N | .... | do |
| 21 | ·012 | 75·5 | 68·0 | 81·9 | 72·1 | N N E | .... | Hazy |
| 22 | | | | 81·5 | 67·1 | N N E | ... | |
| 23 | 29·984 | 72·0 | 66·8 | 80·4 | 64·4 | E N E | .... | do |
| 24 | 30·000 | 71·0 | 66·4 | 81·4 | 64·3 | E | .... | Clear. |
| 25 | 29·960 | 70·6 | 66·6 | 80·8 | 62·8 | ? | .... | do |
| 26 | ·962 | 70·4 | 66·6 | 80·9 | 63·9 | N by E | ... | do |
| 27 | 30·010 | 72·0 | 68·0 | 81·9 | 65·8 | N N E | .... | do |
| 28 | ·025 | 72·9 | 68·4 | 81·8 | 67·7 | N | .... | do |
| 29 | | | | 82·3 | 66·0 | N N E | .... | |
| 30 | 29·986 | 73·4 | 68·4 | 83·0 | 67·6 | E N E | .... | do |
| 31 | ·990 | 72·7 | 67·9 | 82·3 | 65·9 | N | .... | do |
| Means | 30.000 | 74·4 | 69·4 | 81·9 | 69·8 | | 0·618 Sum. | |

### FEBRUARY 1859.

| Date. | Barometer reduced to 32° Faht. | Thermometers. Means. Dry | Wet | Max. | Min. | Wind. | Rain. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Inches | ° | ° | ° | ° | | Inches | |
| 1 | 30·019 | 72·0 | 67·1 | 81·5 | 65·7 | N E | .... | Clear. |
| 2 | ·024 | 74·0 | 68·8 | 84·2 | 69·4 | N E | .... | Hazy |
| 3 | ·019 | 75·0 | 70·7 | 83·7 | 70·0 | N N E | ... | Clear. |
| 4 | ·026 | 74·8 | 70·4 | 85·2 | 68·6 | N E | .... | do |
| 5 | | | | 84·5 | 67·2 | E N E | .... | |
| 6 | ·045 | 74·4 | 69·9 | 83·7 | 68·8 | N E | .... | Hazy |
| 7 | ·044 | 77·3 | 71·7 | 86·0 | 72·3 | N E | .... | Clody. |
| 8 | ·008 | 78·6 | 73·9 | 87·8 | 75·1 | N E | .... | do |
| 9 | 29·982 | 79·3 | 75·2 | 87·7 | 76·3 | E by N | .... | do |
| 10 | ·974 | 78·0 | 74·0 | 87·8 | 73·0 | E | .... | do |
| 11 | 30·013 | 79·6 | 74·6 | 87·1 | 77·6 | E | .... | do |
| 12 | | | | 85·7 | 74·6 | E by N | .... | |
| 13 | ·012 | 78·2 | 73·2 | 86·7 | 72·3 | N E | .... | Hazy |
| 14 | 29·992 | 77·5 | 73·2 | 86·1 | 72·3 | N N E | .... | Clear. |
| 15 | 30·030 | 78·1 | 73·2 | 84·8 | 72·8 | N N E | .... | Hazy |
| 16 | ·020 | 77·5 | 72·5 | 86·9 | 71·2 | N N E | .... | Clear. |
| 17 | 29·978 | 77·3 | 72·7 | 85·6 | 71·6 | ? | .... | do |
| 18 | 30·006 | 76·5 | 71·4 | 84·7 | 70·9 | E | .... | Hazy |
| 19 | | | | 84·9 | 69·5 | ? | .... | |
| 20 | ·004 | 75·6 | 70·0 | 86·3 | 67·7 | E | .... | Clear. |
| 21 | 29·955 | 74·7 | 68·9 | 85·6 | 67·2 | ? | .... | do |
| 22 | ·947 | 76·3 | 69·9 | 85·9 | 69·2 | E S E | .... | Hazy |
| 23 | ·960 | 78·1 | 72·6 | 87·5 | 72·5 | E S E | .... | do |
| 24 | ·973 | 79·9 | 74·2 | 87·5 | 74·1 | E by N | .... | do |
| 25 | ·966 | 80·0 | 74·6 | 88·2 | 74·8 | N E | .... | do |
| 26 | | | | 88·7 | 73·4 | E S E | .... | |
| 27 | ·944 | 79·2 | 73·6 | 87·9 | 72·1 | E | .... | Clear. |
| 28 | ·928 | 78·2 | 72·4 | 88·6 | 71·6 | E | .... | do |
| Means | 29·994 | 77·1 | 72·0 | 86·1 | 71·6 | | | |

### MARCH 1859.

| Date. | Barometer reduced to 32° Faht. | Thermometers. Means. Dry | Wet | Max. | Min. | Wind. | Rain. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Inches | ° | ° | ° | ° | | Inches | |
| 1 | 29·890 | 78·4 | 72·4 | 87·5 | 71·7 | S E | .... | Clear. |
| 2 | ·840 | 78·1 | 72·4 | 88·2 | 71·2 | E by S | ... | do |
| 3 | .825 | 81·2 | 75·6 | 91·4 | 76·3 | E S E | .... | Hazy |
| 4 | ·817 | 82·7 | 76·3 | 93·4 | 78·0 | E S E | .... | do |
| 5 | | | | 90·9 | 78·9 | S E | .... | |
| 6 | ·851 | 82·5 | 77·2 | 92·0 | 77·7 | S S E | .... | Clear. |
| 7 | ·888 | 81·9 | 76·5 | 92·0 | 76·9 | S by E | .... | do |
| 8 | ·888 | 81·2 | 76·3 | 89·6 | 76·6 | S S E | .... | do |
| 9 | ·873 | 80·9 | 75·5 | 89·9 | 75·2 | S by E | .. | Hazy |
| 10 | ·873 | 80·7 | 75·9 | 91·0 | 75·3 | S by E | .. . | do |
| 11 | ·912 | 81·0 | 75·9 | 90·0 | 75·6 | E S E | .... | do |
| 12 | | | | 89·4 | 74·7 | E S E | .... | |
| 13 | ·887 | 81·2 | 75·5 | 93·3 | 74·5 | S E | .... | Clody |
| 14 | ·864 | 82·0 | 76·4 | 94·1 | 75·4 | S | .... | Hazy |
| 15 | ·894 | 81·9 | 75·9 | 95·4 | 75·4 | S S E | .... | Clody. |
| 16 | ·888 | 81·5 | 76·0 | 93·1 | 75·8 | S E | .... | do |
| 17 | ·892 | 80·8 | 75·7 | 89·8 | 76·0 | S S E | ... | do |
| 18 | ·968 | 79·9 | 75·2 | 89·6 | 74·4 | S S E | .... | do |
| 19 | | | | 89·9 | 73·5 | E | ... | |
| 20 | ·949 | 79·1 | 73·9 | 89·5 | 73·1 | ? | .... | Clear. |
| 21 | ·992 | 79·6 | 73·7 | 90·9 | 73·3 | E S E | .... | Hazy |
| 22 | ·982 | 79·4 | 74·1 | 90·2 | 73·0 | E S E | .... | Clear. |
| 23 | ·989 | 81·2 | 75·8 | 91·2 | 76·3 | E by N | .... | Hazy |
| 24 | ·974 | 83·8 | 78·2 | 94·0 | 78·8 | E S E | .... | Ovest. |
| 25 | ·965 | 83·0 | 77·9 | 93·2 | 78·0 | E S E | .... | Clody. |
| 26 | | | | 93·7 | 78·4 | S E | . .. | |
| 27 | ·976 | 83·1 | 77·7 | 93·8 | 78·4 | E by S | .... | do |
| 28 | ·957 | 83·1 | 77·3 | 93·1 | 76·7 | S E | .... | Hazy |
| 29 | ·964 | 82·7 | 76·6 | 92·5 | 76·6 | E S E | .... | do |
| 30 | 965 | 83·5 | 76·8 | 93·4 | 78·5 | E by N | .... | do |
| 31 | ·961 | 84·0 | 76·6 | 91·5 | 81·4 | E N E | .... | do |
| Means | 29·916 | 81·4 | 75·8 | 91·5 | 76·0 | | | |

? This mark signifies that no means can be taken owing to the variable state of the wind.

## HOURLY MEANS.

| Gottingen Mean Time. | Noon. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | Means |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Madras Mean Time. | h. m. 4 41 | h. m. 5 41 | h. m. 6 41 | h. m. 7 41 | h. m. 8 41 | h. m. 9 41 | h. m. 10 41 | h. m. 11 41 | h. m. 12 41 | h. m. 13 41 | h. m. 14 41 | h. m. 15 41 | h. m. 16 41 | h. m. 17 41 | h. m. 18 41 | h. m. 19 41 | h. m. 20 41 | h. m. 21 41 | h. m. 22 41 | h. m. 23 41 | h. m. 0 41 | h. m. 1 41 | h. m. 2 41 | h. m. 3 41 | |
| | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | * In. | In. | * In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. |
| Bar. at 32° Far. 1858 Oct. | 29·782 | 29·800 | 29·823 | 29·850 | 29·868 | 29·875 | 29·872 | 29·858 | 29·843 | 29·827 | 29·818 | 29·816 | 29·823 | 29·845 | 29·864 | 29·883 | 29·899 | 29·903 | 29·886 | 29·859 | 29·831 | 29·807 | 29·789 | 29·783 | 29·842 |
| Nov. | ·924 | ·940 | ·959 | ·986 | 30·000 | 30·008 | 30·001 | ·989 | ·967 | ·953 | ·943 | ·940 | ·948 | ·966 | ·985 | 30·006 | 30·021 | 30·021 | 30·006 | ·979 | ·949 | ·925 | ·911 | ·915 | ·968 |
| Dec. | ·964 | ·976 | ·998 | 30·021 | ·037 | ·047 | ·042 | 30·003 | 30·017 | ·999 | ·984 | ·981 | ·990 | 30·005 | 30·024 | ·052 | ·072 | ·073 | ·062 | 30·037 | 30·005 | ·976 | ·955 | ·953 | 30·013 |
| | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° |
| Dry Ther. 1858 Oct. | 82·1 | 80·5 | 79·8 | 79·4 | 78·9 | 78·4 | 78·1 | 77·7 | 77·3 | 77·1 | 76·9 | 76·6 | 76·2 | 76·0 | 76·7 | 78·9 | 79·5 | 82·2 | 83·0 | 83·3 | 83·8 | 83·7 | 83·3 | 82·8 | 79·7 |
| Nov. | 79·1 | 77·9 | 77·7 | 77·4 | 77·2 | 77·0 | 76·7 | 76·3 | 75·9 | 75·6 | 75·3 | 75·2 | 74·9 | 74·8 | 75·2 | 76·9 | 78·8 | 80·1 | 80·6 | 81·0 | 81·2 | 81·4 | 80·5 | 79·9 | 77·8 |
| Dec. | 77·3 | 76·1 | 75·4 | 75·0 | 74·6 | 74·0 | 73·4 | 72·8 | 71·9 | 71·4 | 70·9 | 70·6 | 70·2 | 69·7 | 69·9 | 72·5 | 75·5 | 77·6 | 78·4 | 78·9 | 79·3 | 79·1 | 78·9 | 78·2 | 74·6 |
| Wet Ther. 1858 Oct. | 76·2 | 75·9 | 75·9 | 75·8 | 76·0 | 75·7 | 75·7 | 75·5 | 75·2 | 75·1 | 75·0 | 74·9 | 74·7 | 74·4 | 74·8 | 75·7 | 76·3 | 76·7 | 76·7 | 77·0 | 77·2 | 77·1 | 76·7 | 76·5 | 75·9 |
| Nov. | 74·2 | 73·7 | 73·6 | 73·5 | 73·5 | 73·5 | 73·4 | 73·5 | 73·5 | 73·2 | 73·0 | 73·0 | 72·9 | 72·8 | 73·0 | 73·7 | 74·4 | 75·2 | 75·4 | 75·4 | 75·6 | 75·6 | 75·2 | 74·6 | 74·0 |
| Dec. | 69·7 | 69·4 | 69·4 | 69·3 | 69·2 | 69·2 | 69·1 | 69·0 | 68·7 | 68·4 | 68·2 | 68·1 | 67·9 | 67·7 | 67·7 | 68·7 | 69·5 | 70·2 | 70·3 | 70·3 | 70·8 | 70·5 | 70·2 | 69·8 | 69·2 |
| Bar. at 32° Far. 1859 Jan. | 29·956 | 29·967 | 29·985 | 30·009 | 30·026 | 30·034 | 30·027 | 30·018 | 30·001 | 29·987 | 29.970 | 29·967 | 29·974 | 29·991 | 30·008 | 30·034 | 30·055 | 30·057 | 30·048 | 30·026 | 29·995 | 29·965 | 29·947 | 29·946 | 30·000 |
| Feb. | ·942 | ·951 | ·966 | 29·991 | ·013 | ·026 | ·025 | ·016 | ·001 | ·987 | 975 | ·967 | ·972 | ·990 | ·006 | ·029 | ·050 | ·058 | ·048 | ·023 | ·994 | ·965 | ·940 | ·932 | 29·994 |
| Mar. | ·855 | ·867 | ·885 | ·910 | 29·931 | 29·945 | 29·943 | 27·932 | 29·916 | ·902 | ·894 | ·892 | ·902 | ·919 | 29·937 | 29·962 | 29·980 | 29·985 | 29·974 | 29·949 | ·918 | ·886 | ·861 | ·851 | ·916 |
| | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° | ° |
| Dry. Ther. 1859 Jan. | 77·5 | 76·3 | 75·4 | 74·8 | 74·1 | 73·3 | 72·9 | 72·3 | 71·6 | 71·2 | 70·9 | 70·4 | 69·8 | 69·4 | 69·4 | 71·8 | 74·0 | 77·0 | 78·4 | 78·9 | 79·4 | 79·3 | 78·9 | 78·4 | 74·4 |
| Feb. | 81·3 | 79·4 | 78·1 | 77·2 | 76·4 | 75·7 | 75·0 | 74·4 | 73·6 | 72·9 | 72·2 | 71·7 | 71·3 | 70·9 | 70·8 | 74·1 | 77·7 | 80·2 | 81·9 | 82·9 | 83·5 | 83·7 | 83·3 | 82·7 | 77·1 |
| Mar. | 85·1 | 82·9 | 81·4 | 80·6 | 80·0 | 79·4 | 78·9 | 78·3 | 77·5 | 76·7 | 76·0 | 75·7 | 75·2 | 74·9 | 75·5 | 79·5 | 83·3 | 86·0 | 87·8 | 88·5 | 88·6 | 88·2 | 87·5 | 86·7 | 81·4 |
| Wet Ther. 1859 Jan. | 70·4 | 70·0 | 69·7 | 69·5 | 69·2 | 68·8 | 68·7 | 68·5 | 68·4 | 68·1 | 67·9 | 67·7 | 67·5 | 67·3 | 67·2 | 68·4 | 69.9 | 70·8 | 71·3 | 71·6 | 71·7 | 71·6 | 71·1 | 70·7 | 69.4 |
| Feb. | 73·6 | 73·1 | 72·7 | 72·4 | 72·1 | 71·8 | 71·4 | 71·1 | 70·8 | 70·4 | 70·1 | 69·8 | 69·6 | 69·2 | 69·2 | 71·0 | 72·6 | 73·4 | 73·7 | 74·2 | 74·3 | 74·5 | 74 2 | 74·1 | 72.0 |
| Mar. | 77·2 | 76·7 | 76·3 | 76·0 | 75·8 | 75·5 | 75·3 | 75·0 | 74·6 | 74·3 | 74·1 | 73·8 | 73·5 | 73·1 | 73·4 | 75·1 | 76·4 | 76·9 | 77·4 | 77·6 | 78·1 | 78·0 | 77·8 | 77·7 | 75·8 |

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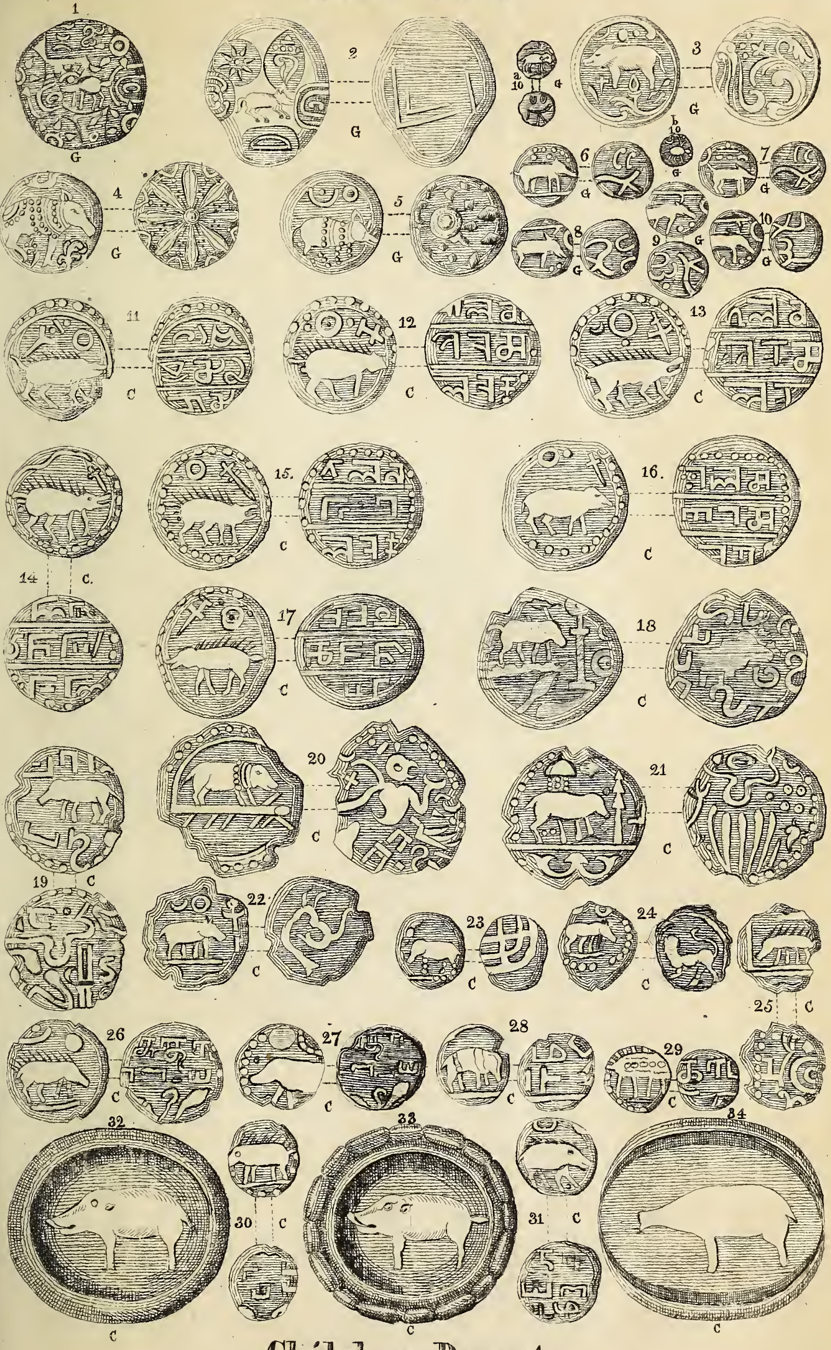

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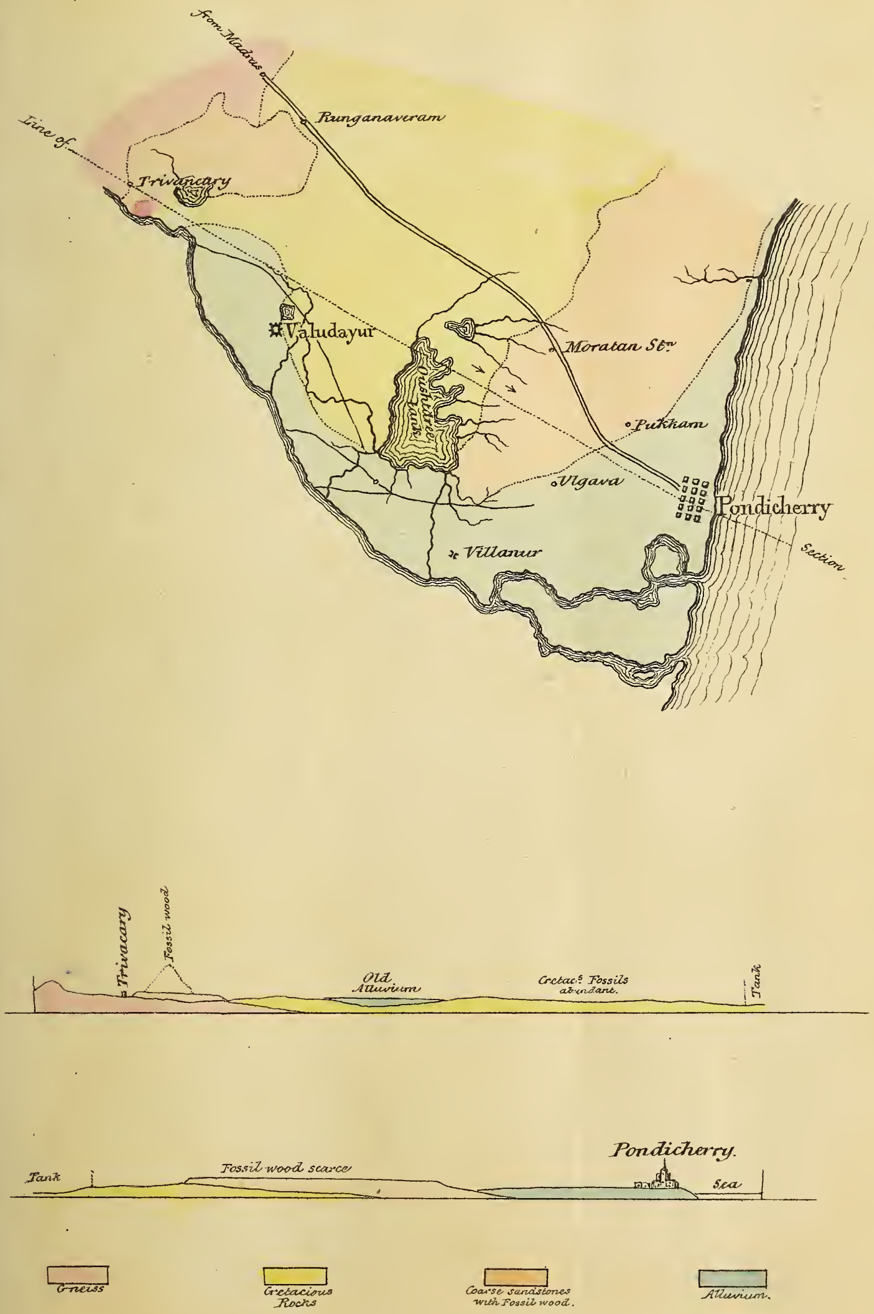


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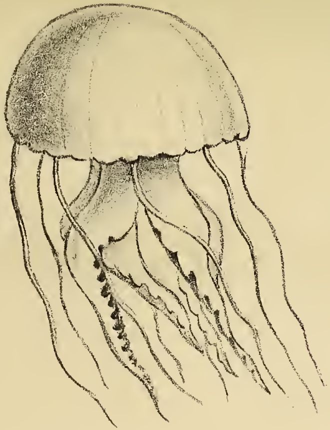

FIG: 1. PELAGIA NOCTILUCA

FIG: 2. RHIZOSTOMA.

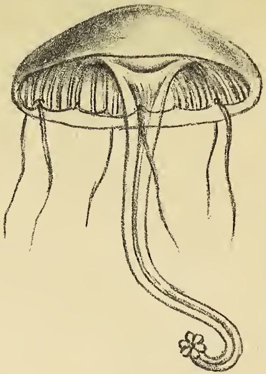

FIG: 3. GERYONIA

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Fig. 4 PHYSALIA

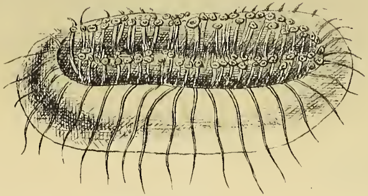
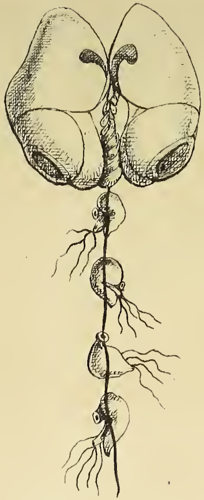


Fig. 5 VELELLA
Upside down.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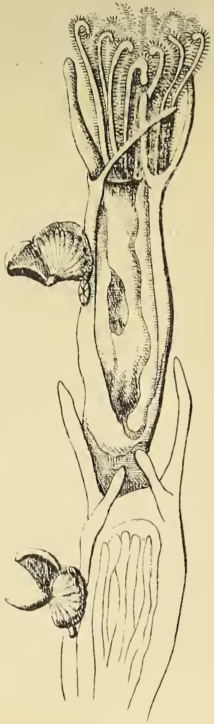
Fig. 7. CELLULARIA AVICULARIA

Fig. 8 BEROE.

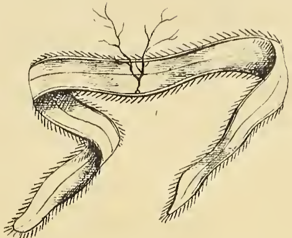
Fig. 9. CESTUM VENERIS

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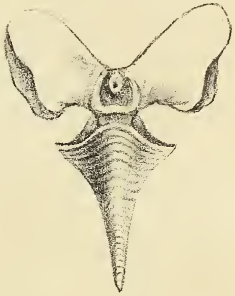

FIG:11. HYALEA.

FIG:10. SALPA MAXIMA.

FIG:12. SAGITTA.

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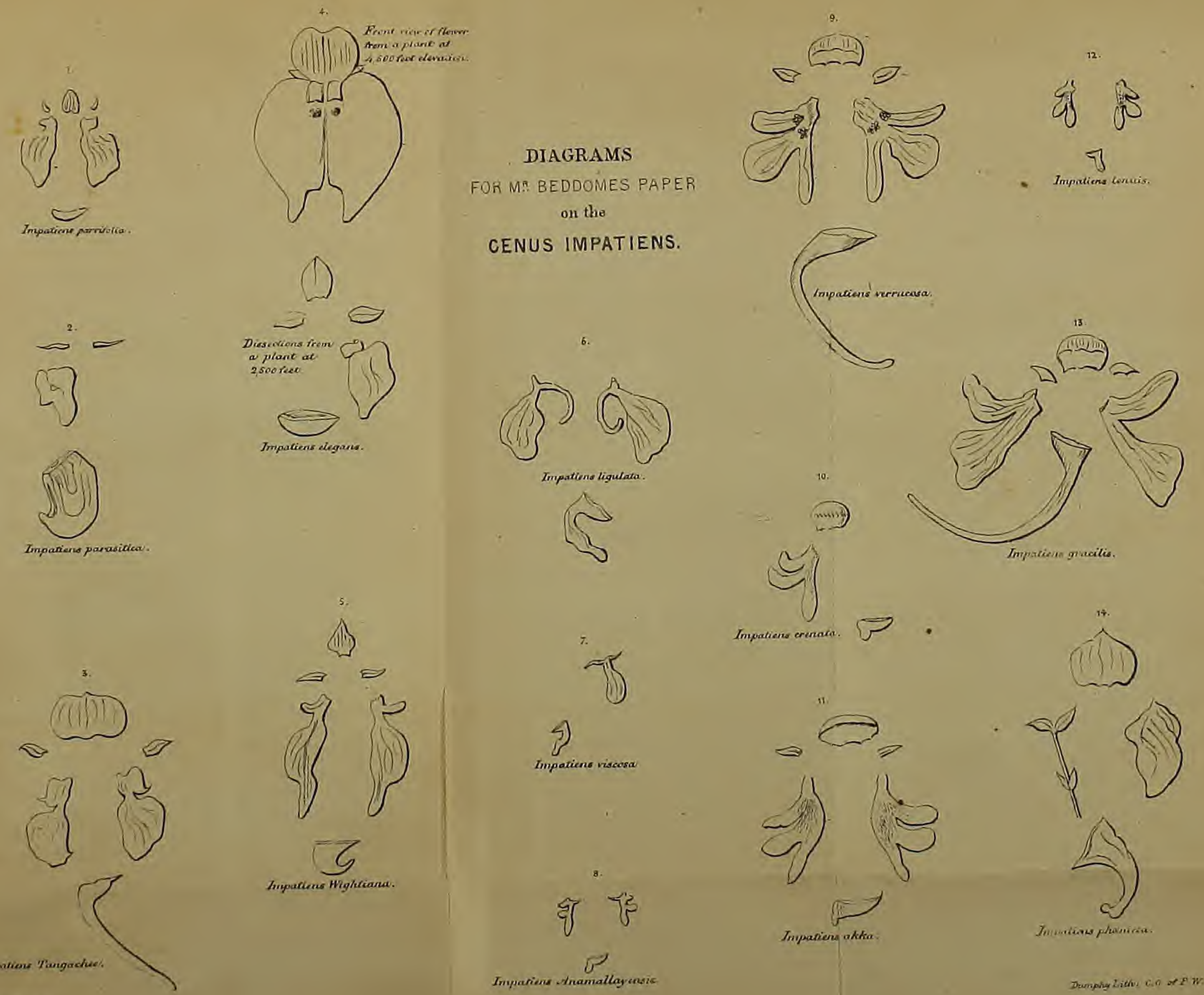


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# MAP SHOWING THE POSITION OF MINERAL VEINS
in the
# CUDDAPAH DISTRICT.

*N.B. The Red Lines mark the Veins.*

*(Signed) Philip W. Wall*
*Mineral Viewer*